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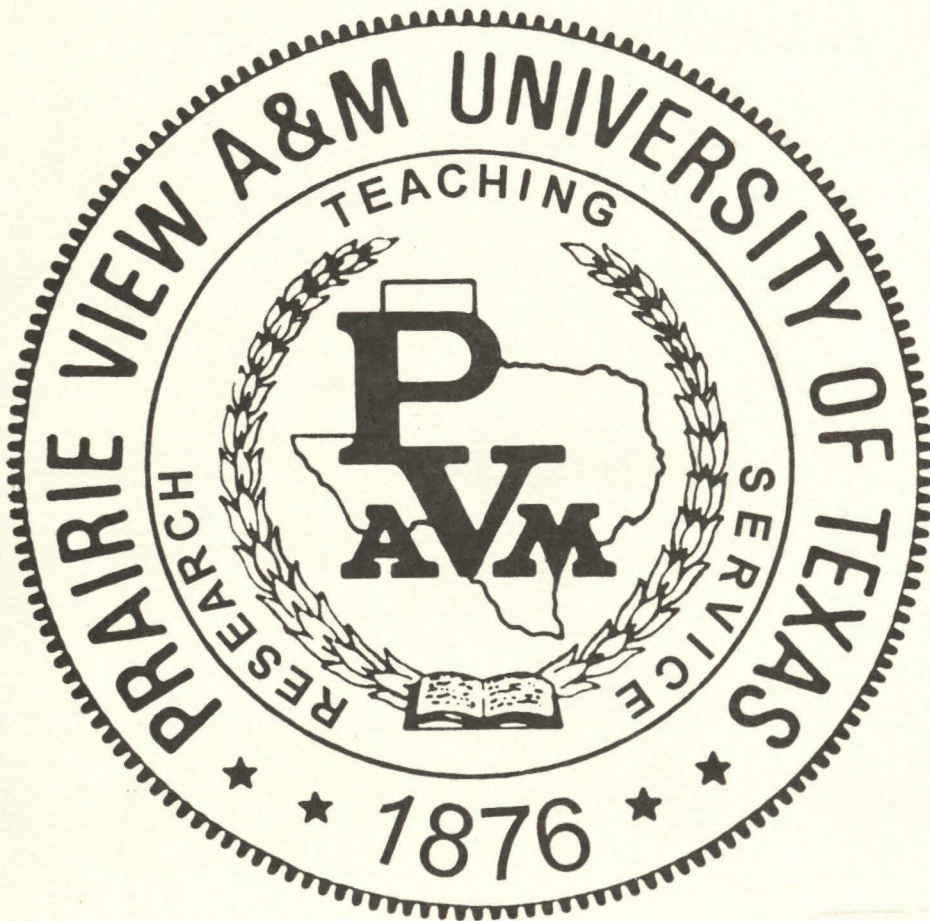
A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

(THE EIGHTH FALL COMMENCEMENT)



WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING
SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER THIRTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND THREE
TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

TO OUR GUESTS

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

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

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

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

THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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

ORGAN PRELUDE Dr. Danny R. Kelley

THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION

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

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

Marshal

President's Party

Faculty

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences

Candidates for Degrees in the School of Architecture

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Business

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Education

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Engineering

Candidates for Degrees in the College of 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

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. Marion Henry
Director, Teacher Certification
College of Education
Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas

MUSIC: "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" *Moses Hogan*

The University Chorale
Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Director

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

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM:

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE COLLEGE OF 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 DEGREES¹

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

EVANS JR., OLIIOUS D.	Dallas	SHANKLIN, PAMELA D.	Inglewood, CA
HENDERSON, WYNITRA E'LYNN	Houston	SIMS, THEODORE DEON	Houston
HINES, ROCQUEL DENICE	Pearland	THOMAS, JACQUARIAS Y.	Lufkin
MATHEWS, MEREDITH SCOTT	Houston		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS

Human Nutrition and Food Curriculum

COPELAND, BEVERLY M.	St.Thomas, Jamaica	MARTIN, TAPPORAH Y.	Copperas Cove
DAVIS, NICOLE N.	Nassau, Bahamas		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN SCIENCES

Family and Community Service Curriculum

CAMPBELL, JOKEISHA SHUNTAE	Hempstead	GRIFFIN, MARLA LATRICE	Houston
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SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

DILLIGARD, JACQUISE MICHELLE	Detroit, MI	INGRAM, PAUL LAWRENCE	Jasper
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

COULTER, IVAN SCOTT	North Charleston, SC	JOHN JR., DALMA ALEXANDER ORIEL	Bronx, NY
DUHON, TINA MARIE	Lake Charles, LA	JONES, TRACI D.	Wichita Falls
EVANS, CHARLETIA LYNN	Houston	MCDANIEL, WILLIAM JEFFREY	Houston
EWING, JARRETT WAYNE	Houston	PORTER, TRISTON VIDAL	Houston
FREEMAN, JOSEPH JERMAINE	Baytown	THOMPSON JR., ARCHIE W.	Houston
HICKS, LILLIAN C.	Chicago, IL	WARNER II, TONY ANTHONY	San Antonio
HORTON, NICHOLAS ADRAIN	Garland	WILLIAMS JR., LAWRENCE	Mesquite

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Communications Curriculum

BAILEY, KYWANNA RESHAW	Lancaster	EMANUEL, CECELIA KAI	Palestine
BELL, BRIT CHARLES	Longview	HARRISON, EDRICK COI	Houston
BRANDYBERG, TEMEKA	Fort Worth	MOORE, EUNREKA CORTEZ	Houston
CUNNINGHAM, KHRYSTIAN N.	LaMarque	SMITH, FALLON RENEE	Houston

Drama Curriculum

SMITH JR., RONALD C.	Oakland, CA		
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¹ As final action cannot always be taken by the time the program is printed, the list of candidates given here is tentative only. The University reserves the right to withdraw or add names.

English Curriculum

GIDDINGS, CHAROLETTE VERMUDA	Marlin	KOLEDOYE, KIMBERLY ADEPEJU	Longview
GRIGGS, TERRI WAYNETTE	Garland	PAYNE, CHARLOTTE SHARAE YOUNG	The Woodlands
HAYDEN, NICOLE DENISE	Houston	POWELL, TASHANDA	Brenham
HERRING, VANESSA FRANCES	Copperas Cove	STEPHENS, DIANNA E.	Gary, IN
JEFFERSON, STEPHANIE NICOLE	Bryan		

Geography Curriculum

HICKS, JOSEPH T.	Houston
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Music Curriculum

TYLER, ADRAN JAMAIL	Houston
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Political Science Curriculum

EDWARDS, SHARISE LEHELLE	Brenham	HATTON JR., SHERMAN RAY	Houston
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Spanish Curriculum

COLEMAN, KAREN CHRISTINA	San Antonio
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Applied Music-Voice Curriculum

BROADOUS, LEANN SIMONE T.	Los Angeles, CA	MORGAN, ALLANA NICHOLE	San Antonio
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

ADAMS, LA'TERRICA LYNETTE	Beaumont	MEYERS, NEHELLE JOY	LaPorte
GUNNER, JAYME JANELL	Port Arthur	ROBINSON, ALONZO DESHUN	Houston

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biology Curriculum

CHARLES, COURTNEY ELIZABETH	Port Arthur	HYPOLITE, BRANDI N.	Texas City
DUGLAS, JONAS TYRONE	San Antonio	NORMAN, ALISHA KENT	Houston
FOSTER, AYSHA LAURETTE	Houston		

Chemistry Curriculum

CLEMONS, RANDALL J.	Smithville	INKUMSAH, MANKATA	Kumasi, Ghana
HARRISON-AKITA, KATRINA S.	Houston		

Mathematics Curriculum

EDWARDS, JOSHUA JOEL	Laredo	YANG, YANZI	Brookshire
PERKINS III, CARLTON LEE	Houston		

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting Curriculum

BROWN, CECILE BANKS	Houston	WASHINGTON, NAKEII ANGELREE	Houston
JONES, TAMIKA MONIQUE	Houston	WILEY, SHEILA LENETTE	Austin
SPENCER III, ARTURIS IVAN	Amarillo	WILSON, DEONTAY M.	Miami, FL
WALKER, DIONNE RHOLINE	Fort Worth		

Finance Curriculum

AVILA, DIEGO JUNIOR	South Gate, CA	JACKSON, JEROD	Houston
CHERRY, PRESTON D.	Kansas City, MO	MAYFIELD, ERICA EVETT CONNOR	Dallas

Management Curriculum

BRADFORD, EMIER DENARD	Killeen	JONES, JOYMESHA DVONNE	Houston
CAREY, ZEBEDEE	Kountze	LAKE, CHERISE M.	Houston
COLE, CURMESIA DOLLE	Galveston	OLIVER, RAQUEL MIGNON	Houston
DAVIS, JEANINE M.	Brookshire	PECK, JANA MARIE	Katy
DAVIS, JOSEPH T.	Brookshire	RITCHEY, BRANDY LYNN	Bellville
FALLS, TERRENCE ANINE	Dallas	SHEPHARD, KIMIKO L.	Bryan
FRANCIS, NAKESHA RENAY	Houston	WIGGINS, MICHALLE COREEN	Houston
JOHNSON, NAKEA R.	Houston		

Management Information Systems Curriculum

ADAMS, JEREMY CARVEL'	Houston	MENEFEE, DAWNYELL JANIECE	Houston
BROWN, CHARLES CHRISTOPHER	New Waverly	PAUL JR., ALVIN	Houston
CLAYBORN, ASTRIA D.	Fort Worth	SEALS, MARCUS JASON	Houston
DAVIS, DANIELLE CHARIESE	Houston	SPENCER, BRYAS E.	Coppell
DENNIS JR., WALTER	Houston	TOLIVER, ERICKA LYNN	Houston
GRIGSBY, LISA R.	Houston	TOWNSEND, FONDRAE' ELEXZANDRO	Winona, MS
HINES, AUNDREA DIONNE	Nacogdoches	VAUGHAN, ROHAN MAURICE	Houston
JACKSON, RANDALL DONNELL	Dallas	WILLIAMS, TERI JOYCE LADAWN	Dallas
MCFARLAND, WAUNITA DELORES	Brookshire		

Marketing Curriculum

ADDAAE, NANA B.	Grand Prairie	ROBINSON, LANCE R.	Chicago, IL
FOSTER, TAMIKA JANETTE	Missouri City	SLY, DAVID DE MARIO	Friendswood
GORDON, CHRISTOPHER JEROME	Copperas Cove	THOMAS, AKAIYA UTREA	Dallas
JORDAN, JULIE-ANN	Hockley	VINES, TRACY DENISE	Houston
MESHACK, BRIANNA JON	Lancaster	WALDEN, WILLIAM JOSEPH	Houston
MOORE, DANIELLE LATISHE	Houston	WALKER, DIONNE RHOLINA	Fort Worth

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Health Curriculum

ALI, HAYATE	Waco	LOSTON, ALAYSHIA RALYN	Houston
ANDERSON, TRAMESHIA T.	Houston	MORRISON, LAPORSCH GAIL	Houston
BASILE, EITAN AIZAN	Houston	ONEAL, RAQUEL	Dallas
BOOKER, TIFFANI DAWNE	Houston	POWELL, CRYSTAL TIFFENY	Tatum
BRIGHAM, LA TOYA M.	El Campo	RIDLEY, STEADMAN DEWONE	Fort Worth
CARAWAY, LAKEELA SHARHELLE	Houston	TYLER, KANEAKA NICOLE	Dallas
CATCHINGS, VICTORIA C.	Missouri City	VALDEZ, GEORDANIA A.	New Orleans
CLAY, JOSHUA TACITUS	Hempstead	WARD, LADONNA M.	Houston
JACKSON, JERMAINE V.	Missouri City	WOODLEY, ANGELA	Houston

COLLEGE OF NURSING

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

ALI, HAYATE M.	Waco	MOORE, COURTNEY YVONNE	Houston
BEASLEY, RICHARD VINCENT	Bryan	OWENS, GENETTA PLACHET	Humble
BLANSON, CHRISTINA CAMILLE	Houston	RACHAL, JENNIFER SHEREE'	Houston
BOWENS, YASHICA DENAE'	Houston	KELLEY, JANIQUE BRENAE	Houston
BROMON-ROGERS, DENISE MICHELLE	Missouri City	LIM-TOM, MARCIA KELLIER	Brooklyn, NY
BROWN, KAI ELIZABETH	Houston	MABLE, CRYSTAL J.	Navasota
BURR, BRIDGETTE	Houston	MOULTRY, KORI KERON	Houston
CAJIPE, CHARLYN ANDRADE	Missouri City	MOYE, SABRINA LYNN	Houston
DOAN, TRANG THI	Sugarland	NINAN, GIGI TERESA	Houston
FORTE', SHENEKUA RENEE'	Houston	NZEOCHA, RITA CHINYERE	Houston
FRAZIER, TOYA AYANA CHERIE'	Houston	ROBINSON, TOTORIA GABRIELLE	Houston
HALL, STACY ANN	Hempstead	SAMPSON, HEATHER N.	Houston
HARMON, KIMBERLY SHERRIE	Austin	SOLOMON, MEHALYE	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
HAWKINS, JILLINA MONETA	Baton Rouge	TATUM, TARA NICOLE	Houston
JOHNSON, AZIZI SHANI	Franklin, LA	VIRGIN-GROSS, GINA	Houston
JOHNSON, FALLON DENISE	Houston	WALKER, CHERYL DENISE	Houston

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

CORBETT, KATHLEEN
DANESI, NANCY W.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90–4.00

KEEN, TIMOTHY R..

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

BEASLEY, RICHARD V.
COLEMAN, STANLEY A.
DORSEY, WILLIAM W.
HAYNES, NATRICE R.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70–3.89

JORDAN, JULIE ANN
JUDGE, DENA V.
RITCHEY, BRANDI L.
WADDLETON II, GEORGE M.

CUM LAUDE

AVILA, DIEGO J.
BOONE, TABETHA C.
DILLIGARD, JACQUISE M.
DOUGLIN, JOHN C.
FRAZIER, TOYA A.
JOHN JR., DALMA A.
JOHNSON, FALLON D.
LATTIN-SIMS, JAMIAN L.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50–3.69

LEWIS, YOSHECO D.
MABLE, CRYSTAL J.
MENEFEE, DAWNYELL J.
OWENS, CHARLIE E.
REICHARDT, COURTNEY A.
SPENCER, ARTURIS I.
TUGWELL, LINDSEY M.
WILLIAMS JR., LAWRENCE

COMMISSIONS IN THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES

AVILA, DIEGO J., Ensign

United States Navy Active Duty Reserve, Naval Aviation Flight Training, Pensacola, FL

CLEMONS, RANDALL J., Ensign

United States Navy Active Duty Reserve, USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG), Mayport, FL

FOSTER, TAMIKA J., Ensign

United States Navy Active Duty Reserve, USS Trenton (LPD), Norfolk, VA

TOWNSEND, FONDRAE E., Ensign

United States Navy Active Duty Reserve, Naval Aviation Flight Training, Pensacola, FL

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

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

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

THE MACE

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

THE MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, the official symbol of the Office of the President at Prairie View A&M University, was created especially to commemorate the lineage of the Presidency by the late Mr. Frank Hayden, nationally famous sculptor and Professor of Fine Arts at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The first medallion was presented to Dr. Percy A. Pierre, fourth president of Prairie View A&M University, on March 21, 1985.

The medallion is designed to be worn with academic regalia at all official University programs. Abstract figures, representing the 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.

Marion Henry, Ph.D.
Professor
College of Education

Dr. Henry received his public school education in Dallas, Texas graduating from Lincoln High School where he earned a track athletic scholarship to Southern University. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Master of Science degree from Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

Dr. Henry served three years in the United States Army as a member of the Signal Corp attached to the 20th Air Force Headquarters in the South Pacific and three years with the Federal Government in the United State Postal Service before coming to Prairie View.

He came to Prairie View A&M University September 1, 1956 as Head, Department of Audio Visual Education and Photography. During the past forty-seven years he has earned the rank of professor and tenure status. His current assignment is Director, Teacher Certification and Professor of Educational Research in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling. Many of his former students have acknowledged that he influenced them profoundly.

Dr. Henry has served Prairie View A&M University with distinction serving as University Commencement Marshal, Chairman, Commencement Convocation, Athletic Director, Chairman, Athletic Council, Member of the Faculty Senate, Teacher Certification Officer, Coordinator, Educational Media and Technology Program, Director, University Wide Audio Visual Program, Chairman, University Judiciary Appeals Committee, Chairman, University Dishonesty Committee, Chairman Committee for the University's Mace the President's Medallion and Podium, Co-Chairman, Search Committee for the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chairman, Teacher Education Admission Committee, Member of the Graduate Council, Chairman, The Naming of Buildings, Facilities and Other Entities, Chairman, Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame (SWAC) selection committee, Member, 75th SWAC Planning Committee.

The Southwestern Athletic Conference honored his service by selecting him Athletic Director of the Year and inducted him into the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame as an Administrator.

Dr. Henry served 10 1/2 years as a member of the Waller Independent School Districts' Board of Trustees, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors, Prairie View Federal Credit Union.

He is a Lector at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Epsilon Pi Tau, Kappa Delta Pi, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Lifemember).

Dr. Henry married his college sweetheart Mary Dolores Grant (deceased) of New Orleans, Louisiana. They are the parents of Byron Timothy Henry and Sharon Lynn Henry-Stephens and grandparents of Brandon Henry and Jordan Henry Stephens.



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

November 13, 2003

Greetings:

As the Governor of Texas, a proud Aggie, and a strong supporter of the Texas A&M University System, I want to congratulate you on achieving an important milestone in your life by earning a college degree. This day marks the culmination of years of hard work, diligence and determination in pursuit of your education at Prairie View A&M University.

Your graduation provides a great opportunity for you to celebrate your accomplishments as you look toward a future of unlimited opportunity. I am very proud of you, as are your loved ones. You have bettered your life through your dedication to your own education.

As a nation always looking forward to the future, we must ensure that each generation is empowered with the skills necessary to succeed in life. We live in a competitive global marketplace that requires an unprecedented commitment to educational excellence.

Anita joins me in sending best wishes on this momentous occasion. We wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rick Perry
Governor



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December 13, 2003

Dear Graduates:

I am pleased and honored to extend my congratulations to you on this memorable day. It is a day that marks the successful completion of a rigorous endeavor that required dedication, effort and commitment. It is certainly a day for celebration of a significant accomplishment.

Prairie View A&M University is nationally recognized for excellence. It 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. We are proud of you and your achievements.

Sincerely,

Benton Cocanougher
Interim Chancellor

Universities

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Dear Graduates,

It is indeed my honor on behalf of the more than 40,000 alumni around the world to welcome each of you who are receiving a degree from Prairie View A&M University to the ranks of alumni. We along with family and friends have gathered to recognize and celebrate this memorable event with you. We congratulate you on your accomplishments in successfully meeting the degree requirements of your college or school as set forth by our great institution.

The lessons you learned here have prepared you for the ever-changing demands of the 21st Century. Demands similar to those alumni, who now celebrate their 102nd Anniversary, have met for more than a century with distinction. As you take that final stroll across this stage, embrace the challenge that awaits you as you embark upon the new journey of becoming a productive citizen in the world community. Meet these forces and challenges head-on but always be true to yourself. Prairie View A&M University has made a difference in your lives and she expects you to make a difference in the lives you touch. I urge you to team with a local alumni chapter in your area.

Please contact the National Alumni Headquarters office to activate your alumni gift of a free annual membership for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. Congratulations and best wishes for a very successful future.

Sincerely,

Winnie Stokes Wooley
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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
Music from “Finlandia” by *Sibelius*