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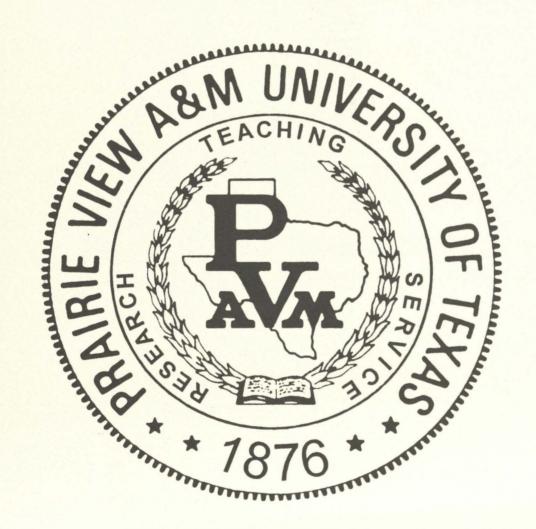
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WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING
SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY NINE
TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

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.

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ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL: "War March of the Priests" (Athalia)
Marshal
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Candidates for Degrees in the Graduate School
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INVOCATION The Reverend Charles H. Lewter, Jr. Dean, University Chapel
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The University Concert Chorale Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Director					
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BS, Emporia State University, 1968		BA, University of Houston, 1972	
LIGONS, GREZELDA	Dayton	WILLIAMS, LA'SHONTE NECHELLE	Trinity
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1984		BS, University of Houston, 1997	
MANGRUM-CLAY, MONICA D.	Houston	WILLIAMS, SALLIE W.	Navasota
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1990		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1973	
MCKEEVER, JILLIAN SHERRON	Houston		
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1996			

Health

TURNQUEST, DIANE W. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995 Prairie View

Physical Education Houston

ALEX, HIRAM KEITH BS, Texas A&M University, 1992

Special Education

CROWN, SYBIL VERONICA	
BS, Fourah Bay College, 1985	
LEVI, KRISTA ANN	
BA, Texas Southern University,	1993
PINSON, TINA YVONNE	
BA, Texas Southern University,	1997

ROBERTS, SETH NORTEY Houston BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994

VAIDYA, SHARMILA Houston BA, University of Delhi, 1987

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ALHAJALI, KHALED M.	Cypress	NAQVI, SYED AGHA SAEED	Houston
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GREEN, JOAN A. N.	Houston	POWELL, KIRK ST. ALWYN	Kansas City, MO
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	male to
LINDSEY, CHRISTOPHER G.	Houston	TOHALA, VAPSI J.	Seabrook
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MADDEN, SINGHQUAVERTON D.	Houston	YE, FANGRONG	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997		BS, Tsinghua University, 1983	
MAZID, MD. ABDUL	Hempstead	ZHANG, DEXIN	College Station
BS, Bangledesh University, 1989		BS, Dalian Marine College, 1982	
MOHAMMAD, KHAN IMTIAZ	New Roads, LA	ZHANG, SHIQIANG	Prairie View
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997		BS, Hohai University, 1994	

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

JOUBERT, SUSARA A. MITCHELL, TODNECHIA M.. ORTIZ-GUTIERREZ, GRACIELA

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90 - 4.00

STEVENSON, SHARON WAGERS, DIANA B.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

ADAMS, MISTY Y.
FOUNTAIN, DEMETRIUS
HALL, CARINE C.
MCCARTY, JENNIFER G.
OSTROWSKI, MARY E.
PETTY, DEBORAH R.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70 - 3.89

POWELL, FELICIA M. PRICE, BRANDI L. RICE, VERONICA T. SUTTON, ELIZABETH TAYLOR, SOMER B.

CUM LAUDE

BLALACK-HEAD, MICHELE BYRD, BARBARA GEORGE DANG, RONALD H. JEFFRIES, JASON O.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 - 3.69

JOHNSON, LATONYA S. LINDHOLM, LESLIE A. MUSYIMI, DAVID M. TEDDER, BONNIE G.

COMMISSION IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

WILLIAMS, JASON CORNELIUS, Second Lieutenant, United States Army Reserve, Las Vegas, NV

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PAGE, BYRON WILLIAM, Ensign, Nuclear Power, Active Duty Reserve, United States Navy, Prairie View, TX

MATHEWS, KIRKLAND VINCENT, Ensign, Surface, Active Duty Reserve, United States Navy, Dallas, TX

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



STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GEORGE W. BUSH
GOVERNOR

December 7, 1999

Greetings to:

The Graduating Class of Prairie View A&M University

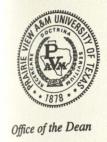
Congratulations on your graduation from Prairie View A&M University. This December 18 commencement provides a great opportunity for you to celebrate your academic achievements and the many friendships you have made during your college years. I know you worked hard to reach this milestone and that you and your families are proud of your accomplishments.

Your graduation represents the gateway to an exciting new time in your life. Whether you choose to enter the workforce or pursue more education, I hope you will continue to take an interest in the people and events around you. I wish you every success as you look forward to the future and its many challenges and opportunities.

Mrs. Bush joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion.

Sinterely, GEORGE W. BUSH

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LOIS JEAN MOORE

Mrs. Lois Jean Moore recently retired as the President & CEO of the Harris County Hospital District where she worked for 41 years. She was previously President and CEO of Harris County Hospital District; Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Office at Harris County Hospital District; Administrator of Jefferson Davis Hospital; Director of Nursing Services at Ben Taub General Hospital; Shift Supervisor at Ben Taub General Hospital and Emergency Center Charge Nurse at Jefferson Davis Hospital. She is currently employed on a temporary basis as the Special Assistant to the President for the Transition of Nursing at Prairie View A&M University.

Mrs. Moore received her diploma from Prairie View A&M University School of Nursing in 1957, Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Woman's University in 1970, and a Master of Education from Texas Southern University in 1974. She holds an Honorary Doctoral of Humane Letter from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas.

A native of Bastrop, Texas, Mrs. Moore is the oldest of four children. She has been married for forty years to Harold B. Moore. They have one daughter; son-in-law and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Moore is a member of the True Light Missionary Baptist Church located in Houston, Texas for over 40 years. She is a former board member of the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast, March of Dimes Texas Gulf Coast Chapter, and the Texas Association of Public and Non-Profit Hospitals. Mrs. Moore has received many honors and awards. She has served on numerous prestigious committees.



December 18, 1999

Dear Graduates:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate each of you today on a tremendous accomplishment.

By graduating from college, you have beaten the odds and have made the commitment to make your life stand for something. You have so many choices ahead of you—and so many opportunities to make either good or bad decisions. If you approach this new chapter of your life with the goal of making a difference and reflecting the values of Prairie View A&M University, good decisions will come naturally.

I encourage you to leave here today with the mindset of being a leader, not a follower. And I urge you to make all decisions—no matter how small—with a strong sense of integrity.

On behalf of The Texas A&M University System, I congratulate you and wish you all the best as you continue on a lifelong journey of learning.

Warmest regards,

Howard D. Graves Chancellor Universities
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Texas A&M International University
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December 18, 1999

Dear Graduates,

Sincere congratulations to you on behalf of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association. Today you celebrate the successful completion of the requirements of various courses of study at our great institution. Be proud of your accomplishments!

Additionally, today you take on the title...ALUMNI. Each one of you, as an alumnus, will make the decision of how you will represent Prairie View wherever you go. It is the hope of the Association that wherever your new beginning takes you, you will be found upholding the proud tradition of excellence...the very foundation of the mission of Prairie View A&M University.

As you prepare to forge ahead into the year 2000, with all that our university has given you, seriously consider a plan for giving back to PV. To facilitate this valuable venture, we invite you to join the National Alumni Association and settle for nothing less than becoming a FIRST CLASS ALUMNUS. One who demonstrates daily: WILL WORK FOR PV; PV WORKED FOR ME! Together, let us build the FUTURE of a FIRST CLASS UNIVERSITY. May good fortune be yours.

Sincerely,

Opal Johnson Smith

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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