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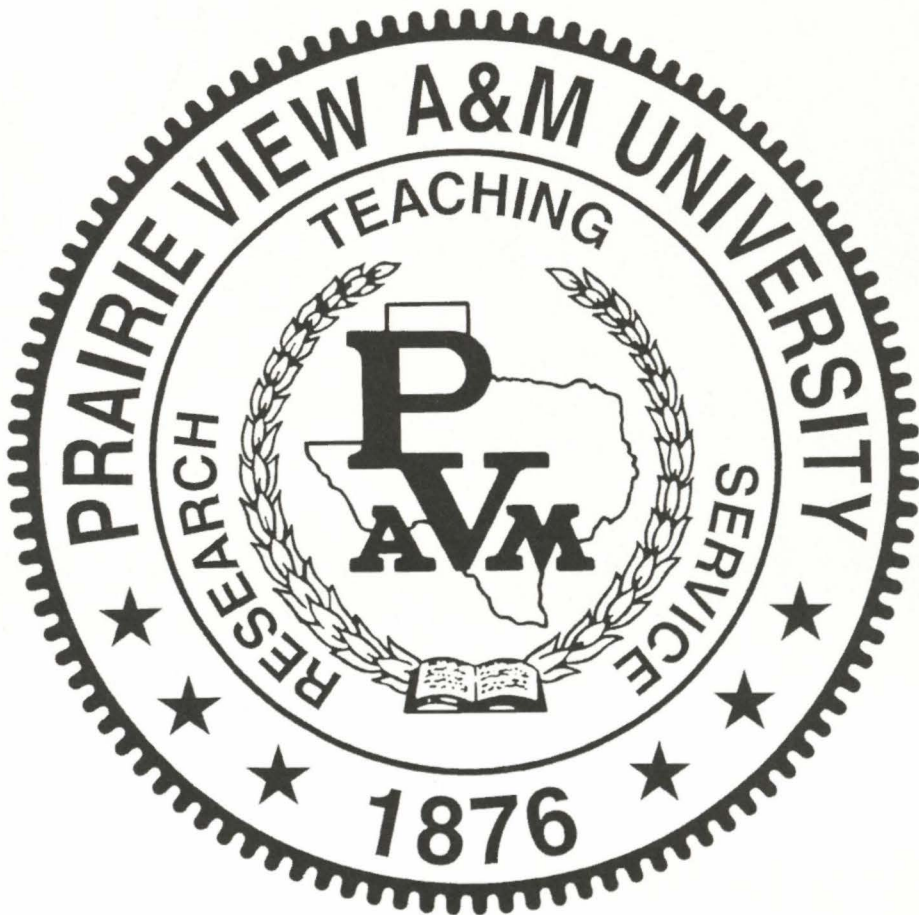
A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH YEAR

COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

(THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH COMMENCEMENT)



WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING
SATURDAY MORNING, MAY SEVENTH
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 CONVOCAATION PROCESSION
COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCESSION..... Dr. Michael L. McFrazier
Interim Associate Provost for Academic and Student Affairs

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL: "War March of the Priests" (Athalia)..... *Felix Mendelssohn*
Dr. John L. Cornelius, Organist
Dr. Marion Henry, Marshal

Marshal

President's Party

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

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 E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
Provost and Senior Vice President
for Academic and Student Affairs
Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas

MUSIC: "I Will Rejoice And Be Glad" *Lela Anderson*

The University Chorale
Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Director

PRESENTATION OF THE DEAN
OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL Dr. William H. Parker

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 Interim Dean Linda Williams-Willis, Ph.D.

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE Dean Ikhlas Sabouni, 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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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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MUNIR QUDDUS	Dean, College of Business
H. ELAINE RODNEY	Dean, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology
IKHLAS SABOUNI	Dean, School of Architecture
WILLIAM H. PARKER	Dean, Graduate School

GRADUATE SCHOOL¹

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Animal Science

BARRERA-COMPEAN, MOISES BS, Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro, 2000	Torreón, Mexico	GARCIA-HERNANDEZ, RIGOBERTO BS, Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro, 2002	Chilcuautla, Mexico
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Human Sciences

BANKS, SANDRA R. BA, McNeese State University, 1991	Sulphur, LA	LYONS, BOBBILYN BSW, Lamar University, 1997	Port Arthur
COLLINS, TASHA M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Austin	MAXWELL, DEVORAL BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Hempstead
DOUGLAS, JASON L. BS, University of Arkansas, 2002	Dallas	MORRIS, STEPHEN A. BA, University of Texas, 1990	Houston
HEBERT, SHERELL G. BA, Southern University, 1991	Opelousas, LA	MOSES, KEISHA MICHELLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
HODGE, SHAMEKA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2000	College Station	RICHARD, HEATHER NICOLE BS, University of Houston, 2002	Houston
HORACE, LAQUITA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1999	Houston	SMITH, NIECHIA SUBRINA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
JOHNSON, KRISNA LAVONN BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1997	Houston	WELLS, TESIA DENIS BS, University of Houston, 2002	Houston
JONES, DANIELLE NICOLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston		

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

DRAKE, KIMBERLY ANN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston	PORTER, TRISTON V. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Rosharon
JOHN JR., DALMA ALEXANDER ORIEL BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Bronx, NY	WARNER II, TONY ANTHONY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	San Antonio
PORTER, CLYDE BARCH, Prairie View A&M University, 1979	DeSoto	WILLIAMS JR., LAWRENCE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Mesquite

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BAILEY, KYWANNA R. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Lancaster	GANT, WALTER D. BA, Metropolitan State College, 2002	Missouri City
BALKARAN, TAFFANY JANE BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Pensacola, FL	HENDERSON, LAKENYA R. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
BARNES, MICHELLE ANITA SWAIN BS, University of Houston, 1970	Houston	HOLMES, LINDA D. BS, Houston Baptist University, 1998	Houston
CATHEY, ANIKA CHIMENE BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Cedar Hill	HUNTER, DAMIEN PAKIL-WYRE BARCH, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Houston
CLAY, JAKE QUALI BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	San Antonio	JOHNSON, CANDACE M. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Allen
CRAWFORD, MARK CONARD BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Houston	JONES, AMY-KRISTEN CHARISSE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Fort Worth
EMANUEL, CECELIA K. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Houston	MALONE, JERMON CHARLES BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	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.

MONTES, JULIO C. BA, University of Houston, 2002	Houston	RICHARDSON, TORRIE A. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
MOOREHEAD, BRIAN PATRICK BA, Tulane University, 1994	West Monroe, LA	ROWLAND, BRIAN E. BBA, Tarleton State University, 2003	Killeen
MUSTAFA, PARVEEN BARCH, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	Friendswood	SIMS, THEODORE D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
PATTERSON, MONIQUE C. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Detroit, MI	TWITTY, CHARINSA V. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Montgomery, Al
RANSOM, NANNETTE BS, East Texas State University, 1976	Houston		

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Sociology

BINION, ALYCE M. BS, University of Houston, 2002	Houston	GRIFFIN, O'SHAUNNA LA'SHAUN BS, Lamar University, 2002	Texas City
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Chemistry

MIGHTY, CLINTON RICHARD BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Prairie View	QIU, XIANGDONG BS, Zhanjiang Ocean University, 1992	Houston
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Mathematics

ALAM, MOHAMMED RABIUL BS, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Tech, 1997	Rajbari, Bangladesh	SHOTT, ALEXANDRA HOLBROOK BS, Davis & Elkins College, 1972	Katy
MUHAMMED, DOROTHY ALESIA BS, Spelman College, 1992	Houston		

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ADDISON, ALICIA N. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Missouri City	MERTZ, SCOT D. BBA, Sam Houston State University, 1993	Brenham
ARMELIN, ARMENTHAL LYNN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1991	Houston	MINHAS, OMER W. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Sialkot, Pakistan
CHARLES, CATERINA L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Houston	NYANTEH, RAYMOND ANSAH BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Houston
CRAYTON, PERCHANDA BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2000	Houston	STEPHNEY, GALE D. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1986	Bryan
JONES, MARCHELLE C. BS, Florida Memorial College, 2001	Miami, FL	WEATHERSBY, STEPHANYE Y. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1989	Houston

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Counseling

ALEXANDER, KIMBERLY LYNN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Lexington	ANDREWS, E. DEXTER BA, Bishop College, 1985	Fort Worth
ALEXANDER, NASHOMBI D. BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Dallas	ANDREWS, JAY BS, University of Houston, 2001	Houston

ARSCOTT, TAMEKA I. BS, Texas Southern University, 2002	Houston	JONES, KATHY LYNN BS, University of Houston, 2002	The Woodlands
BARNES, TONY L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	San Antonio	JONES, TRANESHIA D. BBA, Texas Southern University, 2000	Dallas
BENNETT, FELICIA R. BS, Sam Houston State University, 1998	Houston	JONES, TWANA A. BS, Wiley College, 2001	Beaumont
BROMLEY, TEHEERAH BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Port Arthur	KEITH, LARHONDA MARIE BA, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2001	Houston
BROOKS, DWAINA L. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Dallas	LEE, KENDRA LEONA BS, Texas Southern University, 2002	Seguin
BROOKS, NOTIKA E. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Markham	LEVY, TOVIA T. D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2000	Houston
BROWN, REGINA DELL BSW, University of Texas, 1985	Cedar Hill	LILLY, LYDIA CELESTE GARFIELD BS, University of Houston, 1994	Houston
BROWN, SHERRI LYNN BS, Paul Quinn College, 1994	Dallas	LINDEMAN, DENISE AMES BS, Texas A&M University, 1989	Bryan
BRYANT-SINGLETON, ALICIA BS, University Of Houston, 2000	Crosby	LYONS II, LOUIS L. BS, LeTourneau University, 1998	Dallas
BRYANT, LADERRICK BS, University of Houston, 2001	Houston	MAEBERRY, TAMARA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	LaMarque
BURROUGH, ASHLEY KENE' BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Houston	MARTINEZ, MATILDE BS, University of Houston, 2002	Houston
CARTER, CARMEN VALENCIA BA, University of New Orleans, 1997	Franklin, LA	MAYS, BRENDA F. BA, University of Houston, 1984	Houston
CHANEY, CAMILE R. BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2002	Dallas	MBACHU-OKEKE, NNENNA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	Houston
CHARLES, FELICIA DELON BS, Texas Southern University, 2000	Houston	MCCLAIN, RANDY RAY BS, Maranatha Baptist Bible College, 1985	Tomball
CHANDLER, TAMIEKO GRAVES BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Brenham	MCGEE, CHARLES LOVE BA, Louisiana Tech University, 1978	Longview
CLEMONS, KATIE N. HODGES BA, Texas Southern University, 1992	Katy	MCKAY, COREY J. BS, University of Houston, 2002	New Orleans, LA
COCKRELL, CRICHELLE M. BA, University of Houston, 1996	Houston	MITCHELL, ALTHEA BS, Northwestern State University, 1992	Arlington
CROSS, ALVERA RAYNETTA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Houston	MORGAN, WILLIAM J. BA, Ohio Wesleyan University, 2000	Katy
DANIEL, THEODORA JANICE BS, Texas Southern University, 1992	Houston	MORROW, JACQUELINE A. BS, Park University, 1988	San Antonio
DAVIS, CASSONDRA R. DONAHOE-TURNER, TONESHA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1999	Grand Prairie Houston	NORMAN-WALLACE, VALDA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Dallas Houston
DUGAS, TAMMIE BA, Texas Southern University, 1997	Houston	PARKER, SHERMAN C. BS, Texas Southern University, 2000	Houston
FREEMAN, ROSALYN BA, University of Texas, 1996	Lancaster	PERKINS, TRACY BS, Alcorn State University, 1995	Mendenhall, MS
GIBSON JR., RODERICK OLEN BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Houston	PETTEWAY, FAITH RACHELLE BA, University of Houston, 1999	Brazoria
GREENWOOD, LATARSHA TALAINÉ BS, Lamar University, 1999	Richmond	WEBSTER, LADALE MARIE BS, Southern University, 2000	Franklin, LA
GRIFFITH, CHANICKA LYNNYETTA BA, Lamar University, 2003	Houston	WELLS, CATINA ROMELLA BS, University of Houston, 1999	Beaumont
HOUSTON, CARLA D. BS, Sam Houston State University, 1983	Crockett	POWELL, ROSE M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1984	Sugarland
HUNNICUTT, CHARRITA LYNNETTE BS, Southern Arkansas University, 1996	Dallas	PRICE JR., JIM H. BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Lufkin
JOHNSON, ANGEL ISHA ELAINE BA, Texas Southern University, 2001	Houston	RECTOR, SHUNN D. BS, Texas Southern University, 2002	Houston
JOHNSON, MICHELLE C. BS, Southern University, 2000	Houston	ROSS, TAWARA L. BS, University of Houston, 2001	Houston
JONES II, CHARLES LEE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Fresno	RUDD, ALISON S. BS, Stephen S. Austin State University, 1989	Cypress
JONES, DANA MECHELLE BBA, University of Louisiana, 1999	Tallulah, LA	SAMUEL, BRENDA THOMAS BA, Texas Southern University, 1981	Fresno
		SCOTT, GINGER VERNELL BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	San Antonio

SCOTT, KATRINA D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Dallas	THOMAS, CHERYL ANN BS, Texas Woman's University, 2001	Dallas
SERNA-BALDWIN, LILIAN R. BBA, University of Houston, 2003	Houston	THOMAS, PAMELA DENISE BBA, North Texas State University, 1986	Fort Worth
SHANKS, ELAINE T. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1999	Houston	VICTORIAN, JUDY O. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Houston
SHERROD, SHAKIRA M. BS, Illinois State University, 1997	Bloomington, IL	WALLACE, RONDA LEAH BS, Texas Southern University, 1998	St. Louis, MO
SHAW, AMELIA TRACEY BS, Texas Southern University, 1998	Houston	WASHINGTON, NAKEISHA Q. BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
SMITH, LYONEL BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Houston	WEST JR., DEXTER ALEXANDER BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Missouri City
SMITH, SHIRLEY TEMPLE BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Houston	WEST, MONICA WYVETTE BBA, Northeastern State University, 1993	Lancaster
SOLIMANI, SOHEILA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Cypress	WILLIAMS, LATASHA M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Anahuac
STANDLEY, KIMBERLY LADINA BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Dallas	WILLIAMS, LELA R. BS, Langston University, 1998	Texas City
STEED, ROLUNDA YEGAYLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Lufkin	WILLIAMS, SHERON Q. BS, Texas Southern University, 2003	Dallas
STEPHENS, MARILYN FLANAGAN BS, Lamar University, 2003	Beaumont	WILLIAMS, TAWANA N. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
STRONG, KIMBERLY K. BS, Texas A&M University, 1990	Cypress	WILTZ, ROSELYN L. BS, Sam Houston State University, 1991	Hearne
TATES, CHARLES L. BS, Texas Southern University, 1977	Houston	WRIGHT, MICHELLE LORRAINE BS, University of Southern Mississippi, 1996	Stafford
TERRY, DAMIEN LAMOND BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston	YOUNG, CHARLOTTE BS, Grambling State University, 1978	Houston
THOMAS-HARGROVE, SHERREE BS, University of Houston, 2001	Woodbridge, VA	YOUNG, RONNY D. BS, Wiley College, 2000	Shreveport, LA

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION *Curriculum and Instruction*

MITCHELL, HOLLY MICHELLE BS, University of Mississippi, 1999	Houston	STURGIS, KIMBERLIN K. BS, Alcorn State University, 1995	Durant, MS
SINGLETARY, SHANIKA D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Houston		

Curriculum and Instruction (Agriculture Education)

JERIDO, RONALD G. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1982	Houston		
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Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Media and Technology)

ADKINS, JOETTA ALLEN BA, George Mason University, 1990	Hockley	KIRK, CAMILLE LOUISE BS, Texas Southern University, 1997	Oxnard, CA
DICK, SHARON DONETTE BA, Texas Christian University, 1990	Dallas	SCHMIDT, KELLI L. BA, Houston Baptist University, 1996	Waller
DURISSEAU, PAUL M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Houston	WASHINGTON, ALICE LINDSEY BBA, Union Institute, 1986	Port Arthur

Curriculum and Instruction (Reading Education)

BRAXTON, SABRINA LYNN BS, University of Houston, 2002	Houston	DUCHESNEAU, DENISE L. BS, Hardin-Simmons University, 1977	Round Rock
CURL, GWENDOLYN MARIE BS, Texas Southern University, 1978	Houston	JONES, LASANDRA DEMETRIUS BS, Grambling State University, 1987	Monroe, LA
DONAHOE, KENDRICK R. BS, Sam Houston State University, 2002	Houston	SQUIRRELL, VANESSA LAVETTE BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1987	Houston

Educational Administration

ARCENEUX-BROOKS, NATASHA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Cypress	ERVIN, WAYMOND E. BS, University of Houston, 2001	Dallas
ARY, CONRAD L. BA, University of Houston, 1992	Houston	EVANS, PHOEBE DANELLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Houston
BAJOIE, LORI M. BS, North Texas State University, 1979	Houston	FOLEY, TRENICA S. BS, Sam Houston State University, 2003	Bryan
BAKONDY, JANET LOUISE BS, Slippery Rock University, 1984	Cypress	FORD SR., ERIC D. BA, Texas Southern University, 1998	Houston
BARLOW-WILLIAMS, TOMICKA BSIS, Stephen F. Austin University, 1994	Nacogdoches	FRANKLYN, WILLIE MAE ROACHES BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1984	Houston
BARNES, PATRICIA BS, East Texas State University, 1995	Dallas	FRAZIER, TONJA EMERSON BS, Grambling State University, 1988	Homer, LA
BARSTOW, MICHAEL BS, Sam Houston State University, 1999	Cypress	GALLOW, VERONICA HARRIS BA, Texas Southern University, 1995	Houston
BASS, COREY S. BS, University of North Texas, 2002	Arlington	GAMBLE, LAREA BS, University of Charleston, 1995	Bellville
BEAN, GARRY DONNELL BS, McNeese State University, 1992	Kirbyville	GRAY, CHARLES BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Houston
BENNETT, LATOSHA L. BS, Texas Southern University, 1997	Fresno	HARPER, KATHIE L. BS, University of West Alabama, 1998	Jackson, MS
BILBO, LASHONDA M. BS, University of Louisiana, 2001	Lake Charles, LA	HARRIS, DEANNA LORRAINE BA, University of Texas, 1999	Paris
BLAIR, SHARON ANN BS, Texas Woman's University, 1997	Dallas	HARRIS, KAREEME BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Houston
BOYD-HOBBS, KATRINA BS, Texas Southern University, 1997	Houston	HAYES, WILLIAM C. BS, Jackson State University, 1995	Oklahoma City, OK
BRONIKOWSKI, TONYA LYNN BS, Texas A&M University, 2001	Hempstead	HEGWOOD, JENITA CARROLL BS, University of Missouri, 2001	St. Louis, MO
BROWN, JOANN BS, Lane College, 1980	Dallas	JACKS-MOOREHEAD, ALONDA BA, Southern University, 1999	New Orleans, LA
BROWN, MITZY SUEZETTE BS, Paul Quinn College, 1992	Lancaster	JOHNSON, EDITH BS, Alabama A&M University, 1988	Dallas
BUSBY, MYRA R. BBA, Texas Southern University, 1997	San Antonio	JONES, A'STAR BRUCELYNN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2000	Houston
CARRIER, JANET SCOTT BS, Lamar University, 1994	Liberty	JONES, CHERYL B. BS, Louisiana State University, 1999	Katy
CARTER, FREDRICK FITZGERALD BS, University of Arkansas, 1986	Greenville, MS	JONES, MARCHELLE BS, Florida Memorial College, 2001	Miami, FL
CARTER, INNETTA HARRIS BS, Texas Southern University, 1991	Houston	JUBY, RACHEL RENEE BS, Texas A&M University, 2002	Spring
CARTWRIGHT, NAIMA C. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Tyler	KENLEY, AUDREY MAE BS, City College of New York, 1983	Houston
COLBERT JR., JAMES DEAN BA, Austin College, 1988	Houston	KENNEDY, ZAKEIA JOQUICE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
COLE, KAREN LEMUEL BS, Lamar University, 1988	Houston	KING, LATARSHA LATRICE BS, University of Houston, 1999	Houston
COOPER, SANDRA PAGE BS, Southern University, 1980	Frierson, LA	KNOX, LILA JEANETTE BA, Southern University, 1987	Dallas
DAVIS, TYRONE TIMOTHY BS, Southern Arkansas University, 1999	Missouri City	LANG, SHERRY MICHELLE BS, University of Arkansas, 1999	Dallas
DELEON, RICHARD DIAZ BS, University of Houston, 1993	Houston	LASKER III, SHERMAN BS, Texas Tech University, 1998	Brookshire
DEVENPORT, DANINETT K. BS, Texas Southern University, 1992	Houston	LAVALAIS, NYLANDIA RENEE' BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
DUNHAM, LA'QUINNESIAS R. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1999	Katy	LEATHERWOOD, JOYCELYN ELAINE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Knoxville, TN
DUNHAM, LASONYA M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2000	Prairie View	LEWIS, VANETTA ANTWANETT BS, East Texas State University, 1995	Garland
DUNN, PAMELA JANE BA, University of Texas, 1988	Spring	LINDSEY, LADYE DEDRIANA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Prairie View
EDWARDS, DIANNE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1980	Houston	LOVE, ALFREDA EMONYA BS, Baylor University, 2002	Waco

MABRY, KENYA K. BS, The Citadel, 1997	Jackson, MS	ROBINSON, TERENDA REGINA BS, Texas A&M University, 1996	Jefferson
MABRY, VIVIAN B. BA, College of Charleston, 1994	Mayesville, SC	ROPER, AHMAD R. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
MALONE, DEBRA ELAINE ALEXANDER BS, Southwest Texas State University, 1982	Round Rock	RUSHING, CATHY D. BBA, Sam Houston State University, 1995	Houston
MANNING III, WILLIE RUDOLPH BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Cypress	SANDLES, ANDREA LEONETT BS, Sam Houston State University, 1999	Houston
MANSFIELD, TRACY ANN BS, Sam Houston State University, 1995	Houston	SANFORD, JOSEPH MONROE BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1979	Dallas
MARTINDALE, RODERICK L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1999	Missouri City	SIMON, ERICA D. BS, Paul Quinn College, 1991	Dallas
MCCLAIN, KELLY ANN BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1994	Dallas	SIMS, AYANNA DUPRE BA, Southern University, 1999	Houston
MIKEL-RIDGEWAY, EVELYN LUVENIA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1967	Houston	SMITH, LARRY ROBERT BS, Sam Houston State University, 1998	Magnolia
MILLER, SAMARITY MONIQUE BS, Sam Houston State University, 2001	Brenham	SMITH, STEPHEN K. BS, University of Iowa, 1998	Katy
MIMS, CLAUDE D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Palestine	STEPHNEY, GALE D. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1986	Bryan
MOORE, DANA ELIZABETH BS, Southern University, 2001	Ventress, LA	SUDDENDORF, KEVIN BA, Northern Iowa University, 1988	Houston
MOORE, SHANNON D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2000	Houston	THOMAS, DARLENE D. BBA, Texas Southern University, 1982	Houston
MORGAN, ROSHON G. BS, Langston University, 2000	Galveston	THOMAS, EMONI Q. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Dallas
MULLINS, KELI M. BS, University of Houston, 1997	Los Angeles, CA	THOMAS III, ROBERT L. BA, University of Arkansas, 1990	Liberal, KS
NASH, SURAHYA ANDIENNE BS, Texas Southern University, 2002	Houston	THOMPSON, SHELITRIA D. BS, Lamar University, 2001	Richmond
O'BRIEN, GRANVILLE JULIUS BS, St. Augustine College, 1992	Nassau, Bahamas	THORNTON, MARTESE LAMONT BA, University of Texas, 1996	Pine Bluff, AR
PATE, ANGELA DARLENE BS, Sam Houston State University, 2000	Spring	TOTH, LISA JEAN BS, University of Southern Mississippi, 1987	The Woodlands
PLUMMER, LISA M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2000	Houston	WALLS, TAMARA BS, Jackson State University, 1999	Richardson
POULLARD, ANTHONY R. BSOE, Wayland Baptist University, 1998	Beaumont	WESTON, LINSEY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1976	Beaumont
PRZESPOLEWSKI, STEVEN W. BA, Illinois Benedictine College, 1995	Spring	WILLIAMS, HERBERT D. BS, University of North Texas, 1991	Dallas
RANDLE, IRVIN CHARLES BA, Texas Southern University, 1998	Houston	WILLIAMSON, ANTONIO RODRIGES BS, East Texas State University, 1993	Garland
RICHARDS, CRANDALL YATES BA, Southern University, 1999	Opelousas, LA	WILLIS, HERBERT RAY BS, Jarvis Christian College, 1977	Quitman
RICHARDS, LATONYA K. BSCJ, Sam Houston State University, 2000	Houston	YOUNG, DERWIN VINCENT BA, Texas Southern University, 1980	Katy
ROBERTS, VICTORIA EILEEN BS, Texas A&M University, 1990	Houston		

Health and Physical Education (Health Curriculum)

BIRCHER, TERRANCE D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Tyler	WATKINS JR., JOHNNY L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Flint, MI
HILL II, CARLOS O'BRIAN BS, University of Arkansas, 1997	Houston		

Health and Physical Education (Physical Education Curriculum)

ADAMS, ADRIAN D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Lufkin		
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Special Education

ADAIR, TIERASHIA SHANTA BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Hempstead	KELLY, JOHN R. BS, Rice University, 1974	Galveston
BRUCE-JACKSON, HELEN BA, Mississippi State University, 1986	Houston	LOVE, JERIA RENE' BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
FERNANDEZ, JENNIFER ELAINE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	San Antonio	STILL, CAROL WATKINS BS, Sam Houston State University, 1978	Waller
HAMILTON JR., LARRY D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Spring		

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Computer Information Systems

CHU, JUN
BS, Nanjing Communication Engineering College, 1984

Jinan, China

Computer Science

CARAWAY, HASANI BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2000	Fort Washington	PENG, YANXIONG BS, South China University of Technology, 1994	Xijin, Peoples Republic of China
JYOTI, SHAILA A. BS, University of Dhaka, 1997	Hempstead	ROSE, HENRY ALFRED BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Nassau, Bahamas
MONDLE, MD MASUDUL BS, University of Houston, 2001	Houston	WANG, HOLLY G. BS, University of Houston, 2002	Yichun, Peoples Republic of China

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

CAREY, JESSIKA BS, Ricardo Palma, 1996	Houston	MOSAFFA, REZA BS, University of Houston, 2004	Houston
KARIMI, DAVID KHALIL BS, University of Houston, 2003	Houston	RUSSELL, BARBARA DEE BS, University of Houston, 2001	Spring

COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Juvenile Justice

ANDRUS, TRACY
BS, 2000, Louisiana College
MS, 2001, University of Louisiana
DISSERTATION: *A Macro Analysis of Poverty and African
American Incarceration*
Advisor: Dr. Richard Tachia

Crowley, LA

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE

ANASSI, EVALINE NYANDUKO BS, Texas Southern University, 2000	Houston	STELLY, MARK J. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Raywood
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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES¹

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

ANDERSON, PAUL O.	Jackson Town, Jamaica W.I.	MARTIN, WALTER CRAIG	Houston
BLAHUTA, BRANDY LYNN	Waller	NEEL, DAVID CANNON	Hockley
CLARKE, OWEN D. R.	Lincoln, Jamaica W.I.	SIMMONDS, ATHLEEN ST. JOAN	St. Catherine, Jamaica W.I.
HUBBARD, KARISSA NICOLE	Houston	ST. JULIEN, SHAMAINE LYNETTE	Houston
JACKSON, SHARAE ANTOINETTE	Missouri City	TOMLINSON, CODY ALAN	Waller
LEWIN, PANCITA	St. Catherine, Jamaica W.I.	WALKER, RAENATA DIANE	Hooks

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS

Human Nutrition and Food Curriculum

BARNES, SONYA M.	Tulsa, OK	COLEMAN, SARANDA ILESA	Austin
BROWN, TAMELA L.	Fort Worth		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN SCIENCES

Family and Community Services Curriculum

BRYANT, SYCREEDA NECOLE MURPHY	Galveston	SAAFIR, HALIMAH	Los Angeles, CA
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SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ARKADIE, CODY DEXTER	Prairie View	NEAL, EDRIC C.	Houston
BAXTER, PHILIP J.	Richmond, VA	PRICE III, ELVIN EUGENE	Houston
CHAVEZ, CRYSTAL	Brookshire	ROBERTS, BRANDON WADE	Austin
CLAY, LISA MICHELLE	Austin	SMITH, LEJANAE C.	Houston
GLASPER JR., RODNEY DEAN	Houston	SOWELLS, TRINISHA ANN	Houston
HILL, BRIAN DOYLE	Houston	WALKER, DAVID CLISTO	Fort Worth
HORTON, NICHOLAS ADRAIN	Garland	WIGGINS, STACEY M.	Port Arthur
HUGHES, VERNETTA JOYCE	Beaumont	WILLIAMS, DERRICK ROSHARD	Houston
LOPEZ, OSWALDO	Houston		

COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ABDUL-JABBAR, MAKARIM	Beaumont	DUKES, ANGELA T.	Marlin
ALEXANDER, EBONY LORETTA IRENE	Austin	ELLISON, JANNIFER ANN	Hearne
ARMSTRONG-GARNER, NAY SHAYNOME	Beaumont	EPHRIAM, GEORGETTE BEATRICE	Dallas
BARRETT, DIANNA M.	Bellville	FEASTER, ASHLEE A.	Galveston
BOGUS, MONIQUE S.	Dallas	FERGUSON, ROSHONDA LANELL	Houston
BROUSSARD, DEONTE' DUANE	Houston	GANTS III, EARL LEE	Liberty
BROWN, BRANDY JANEICHA	Galveston	HENRY, SHADWYN JOSEPH	Houston
BUNCH, SAMAAD ADUL	San Antonio	KILPATRICK, KAREN	Hempstead
CALDWELL, ADRIAN BERNARD	Corpus Christi	LANKFORD, TRAVIS S.	Centerville
CAMPBELL, TANDRYA DEAUN	San Antonio	MERCER, CHRISTOPHER G.	San Antonio
DANIELS, JUSTIN G.	Prairie View	PATTERSON, KIMBERLY	Plano
DAVIS, WARREN LABON	Dallas	PORTLOCK, RACHEL ELAINE	Allen

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.

QUIVERS II, MARK ANTHONY	Chambersburg, PA	STRINGFELLOW, KENDRIC	Houston
RAY, LEONARD S.	San Antonio	ST. CYR, SHERONDA	Houston
SAMUELS, TIFFANY SHEREE	Rosenberg	TUCKER, MARGERIE	Fort Worth
SCOTT, KARISSA K.	Gainesville	WILLIAMS, TIFFANY JANAE'	Haltom City
STANDLEY, GEORGETTE CAMILLE	Dallas	WOODARD, TIFFANY MONIQUE	Abilene

Juvenile Justice Curriculum

COTTON, RONNETTA RASHAE	LaMarque	RODDY, RODNICK ROSHAD	Marlin
LOTT, NIKIA SHENICE	Houston		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Psychology Curriculum

ADAMS, NENESHELIA TIARA	Houston	NEELY JR., MCNEAL	Wharton
BURNLEY, GINA LAURIENE	Houston	RUGGS, ENRICA NICOLE	San Antonio
CADDELL, DECLINIA MARIE	Tyler	SAVORY, NICOLE	Houston
COUTEE, SHERI ANTOINETTE	Brownwood	SCOTT, LA'TOYA CHANELL	Liberty
DOVEKIE, CESARINA C.	Jarrell	SKILLERN, MELISSA ANN	Houston
GREEN, TIFFANY LAJUAN	Houston	SMITH, KARLA VANESSA	Houston
HARDGES, MICHAEL A.	Galveston	STEWART, FELICIA LANETTE	Cypress
HENDERSON, RACHEL L.	Terrell	SWEENEY, FELICIA MONIQUE	LaMarque
MCDONALD, KALEHA SILECE	Parkville, MO	THOMPSON, TIVA LATRICE	Mesquite
LOVE, ARTHRAYIA L.	Dickinson	WALKER, ERICA MARIE	Celina
MCKINNEY, LATRESHA NICOLE	Austin	WASHINGTON, NAKIA MICHELLE	Kemah
NEELY JR., MCNEAL	Wharton	WILEY, JASMINE	Dickinson
MCMORRIS, SARALYN D.	Houston	WISE, APRIL ALEXIA	Dallas
MORGAN, JOY C.	Colorado Springs, CO	WRIGHT, ANDREA R.	Dallas

COLLEGE OF NURSING

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

ABDULMALIK, SARAH S.	Houston	LARTIGUE, ANIKA LYNETTE	Beaumont
ALLEN, LUCY A.	Houston	LINDSEY, TARA DENISE	Chappell Hill
AZIE, ELIZABETH A.	Houston	MCCULLOUGH, LATRICIA DENEEN'	Missouri City
BATINGA, IRENE JOY	Houston	NJUGUNA, CAROLINE WANGARI	Nairobi, Kenya
BELL, TARANA K.	Houston	PARKER, DEIDRA D.	Houston
BROUSSARD, DEBORA JEAN	Pueblo, CO	PERSONS, JESSICA N.	Conroe
BRUMLEY, KATHRYN ROSE	Sugarland	PRINCE, TANISHA M.	Houston
DANSBY, TESSIE	Houston	ROGERS, KERIMAH LATRESE	Stafford
FLEMING, LAURIE L.	Houston	SILAS, KYANNA JAVON	Dallas
GARCIA, REBECCA IRENE	Cypress	SPAIN, CARMEN NICOLE	Pearland
GARUBA, ALIMATU SADIA	Audii, Nigeria	STEVENS, BARBARA ANNE	Dickinson
HO, TRACY KWAIN MIN	San Antonio	SUMLIN, LADIA NECAIL	LaMarque
JENKINS, KIMBERLY NICOLE	Houston	VIRTUDAZO, KRISTINE	Houston
JUDORA, LAKEISHA TENE'	Houston		
KING, TAMARA MARIE	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

ANDERSON, KRYSTAL S.
COLEMAN JR., MICHAEL J.
ELLISON, JANNIFER A.
HUBBARD, JENNIFER L.
JOHNSON, TRESA D.
MARTINEZ, MICHAEL A.
NJOROGUE, JEAN L.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90–4.00

PHILLIPS, JOHANN L.
RUGGS, ENRICA N.
STEWART, CHRISTOPHER D.
THOMAS, COURTNEY M.
WIGGINS, STACEY M.
WILLIAMS, CHRISTINE A.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

ADELAGUN, AKEEM O.
BALDERAS, KARINA
BASHAW, CHRISTINA L.
CALLOWAY, TRACIE S.
CORRIGAN, ELIZABETH K.
DOVEKIE, CESARINA C.
FERRERI, SHERRI L.
GAMBLE, YOLANDA C.
HANDY, TAMIKA R.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70–3.89

JACKSON, MATTHEW A.
KIRVEN, CHENISE R.
MCGREW, ALLEN D.
SAAFIR, HALIMAH T.
SMITH, ASHLEY N.
SOWELLS, TRINISHA A.
TINGLING, JOSEPH D.
WOLF, MONICA L.

CUM LAUDE

ALBERTY, SHARIYUN K.
ANTIA JR., OKON B.
ARKADIE, CODY D.
AUSTIN, FREDERICK M.
BARNETT, MELODY D.
DOUCET, THERESA D.
EVANS, DAWN L.
GANTS III, EARL L.
HILL, BRIAN D.
HODGE, NAKEATHA D.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50–3.69

HOLMES, KIMIKA T.
MAYHORN, EBONY T.
MCMORRIS, SARALYN D.
MOORE, CURTISS R.
MORGAN, JOY C.
OPOKU, GLORIA L.
PHILLIPS, JERVALE D.
UZOEGWU, UCHECHI S.
WILMOT, NANA A.

COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

ABDUL-JABBAR, MAKARIM, Second Lieutenant,
Adjutant General Corps, Reserve Forces Duty, Beaumont, Texas
BAXTER, PHILLIP J., Second Lieutenant,
Infantry, Active Duty, Richmond, Virginia
BIZOR, CHRISTOPHER S., Second Lieutenant,
Aviation, Active Duty, Dallas, Texas
BROWN JR., LARRY D., Second Lieutenant,
Medical Service Corps, Active Duty, Jasper, Texas

CHATMAN, CRYSTAL E., Second Lieutenant,
Quartermaster Corps, Active Duty, Nacogdoches, Texas
QUIVERS, MARK A., Second Lieutenant,
Armor, Active Duty, Killeen, Texas
RAY, LEONARD S., Second Lieutenant,
Quartermaster Corps, Active Duty, San Antonio, Texas

COMMISSIONS IN THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES

ELIAS II, LYDELL, Ensign,
United States Navy
EWING, JOVAUGHN J., Ensign,
United States Navy

JONES, PHILLIP D., Ensign,
United States Navy
ADELAGUN, AKEEM O., Second Lieutenant,
United States Marine Corps

† 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
Criminal Justice-Juvenile Justice	Gold	Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Dentistry	Lilac	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Dietetics	Light Blue	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education	Light Blue	Public Administration, including	
Engineering	Orange	Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Fine Arts	Brown	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Forestry	Russett	Science	Golden Yellow
Geography	Blue and Green	Social Work	Citron
Home Economics	Maroon	Technology	Golden Yellow
Journalism	Crimson	Theology	Scarlet
Industrial Education	Light Blue	Veterinary Science	Gray
Law	Purple		

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 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.

Dr. Emma Joahanne Thomas-Smith

Dr. Emma Joahanne Thomas-Smith, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, has served the University and higher education for over thirty years as a teacher, mentor, administrator, and supporter of the many publics served by the University. She is well known as one who truly believes in and promotes the mission and rich legacy of this University. Recently, she was invited to share her views on access and equity on National Public Radio and on the Fox Television Network.

Dr. Thomas-Smith arrived at Prairie A&M University in 1968 having taught in Honolulu, Hawaii; Spokane, Washington, and Georgia at the University of Georgia. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Tuskegee University (1965); the master's degree in educational administration with an English cognate at New Mexico Highlands University (1966); and the doctorate in higher education with an American studies cognate at Washington State University (1976). Her post-doctoral study was completed at Northeastern University in Boston (1986) and at the University of Texas in Arlington, Texas (1988).

At the University, Dr. Thomas-Smith has served in a variety of roles most notably Director, Honors Program; Head, Department of English and Languages; Associate Provost and Director of Title III; and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Since 2003 she has been Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. For over twenty years of her career here, Dr. Thomas-Smith has been involved in leading accreditation processes, long-range planning, and master plan development. In these areas, she has been consultant to North Forest Independent School District, Old Dominion University, the University of New Mexico, and Grambling State University.

Additionally, she has received external funding as evidenced by her success over time in acquiring funding from the Sperry-Hutchinson Foundation, the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education. With Dr. Kelvin Kirby, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, Dr. Thomas-Smith is responsible for a multi-million dollar National Science Foundation grant to support high achievers in math, engineering, science, and technology at a level that results in their advancing to doctoral and other advanced professional degrees.

Among Dr. Thomas-Smith's honors and awards are membership in Sigma Tau Delta, International Honor Society in English and Phi Delta Kappa, Education Honor Society; selection as distinguished alumnae, New Mexico Highlands University; winner, Circle Award, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Clear Lake Chapter; and recipient, outstanding service awards from student organizations, area churches, and other affiliations.

Among her professional appointments are membership on the Certification Advisory Council of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), secretary of the editorial board of the fifty-two year old refereed journal, the *Negro Educational Review* and the *Computer-Assisted Composition Journal*. The Disaster Relief Corps in the United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity, and Barbara Jordan High School for Careers VICA Advisory are prominent beneficiaries of Dr. Thomas-Smith's community service. She is married to Rev. Sam I. Smith, Sr. and resides in Houston, Texas.

2005 Inaugural Humanitarian Award Non-Student

Joseph Alexander Scott, Jr.

Joseph "Joe" Scott, Jr., a 1950 graduate of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) with a double major in history and political science, is being recognized for a spirit of love and helpfulness to others. He received a master's degree in education from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Scott was a commissioned Officer through the ROTC program at PVAMU and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He began his career by putting his education degree to work by teaching middle school. Known, to go the extra mile, he also took extra duties to help his male students by coaching football, basketball and track.

In 1954, Mr. Scott became an entrepreneur when he opened his first business, a Gulf Oil gas station. 10 years later, he began the Scott Insurance Company and was the first African-American licensed agent in San Antonio. In 1968, Hotel Poco was created, which Scott operated in addition to the insurance agency. Both were located in St. Paul Square of San Antonio and opened at a time when the Eastside was a bustling and vibrant black business community. Eventually Joe acquired additional gas stations and a convenience store in that area.

Early on, Scott began to interest himself in local politics and became a power broker in Eastside politics. By building a political base, he promoted voter participation and began to acquire a number of very powerful friends.

In 1982, Governor John Connally appointed him to serve a four-year term on the board of regents at Texas Southern University. That same year, the Texas Industries for the Blind & Handicapped spoke to Mr. Scott about the need for jobs for disabled people. In response, he founded World Technical Services, Inc., to provide jobs for the severely disabled and those who are unable to find employment due to past substance abuse or previous incarceration. Their first contract provided janitorial and ground maintenance and at a San Marcos rest area.

Today, World Technical Services, a non-profit corporation, has contracts throughout Texas with more than 400 employees. Its mission is to provide jobs through government contracts to persons with disabilities performing janitorial and ground maintenance services to military Public Exchange (PX) operations and various other service oriented duties. Now, World Technical Services.

He is widely known for his involvement with churches in San Antonio and has been instrumental in helping them secure government funding and insurance. These funds were used to build apartment complexes, multipurpose centers, and church additions.

Joe Scott's devotion and motivation in public service has always been geared toward bettering his community through political access, education and helping students to achieve their goals through higher education. Many people credit Scott for their success in life - people who have either worked for him or students whom he taught. They often credit him with instilling good values and discipline. He is an entrepreneur who gives back to his community and serves as a role model for young and old alike.

Currently, Joe Scott remains active in the day-to-day activities of World Technical Services and is an active and charter member of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church. He is married to his lovely wife, Shirley J. Scott and they have seven beautiful children.

2005 Inaugural Humanitarian Award Student

Lorie M. Freeman

The 2003-2004 Miss Prairie View, Lorie Freeman was described by her nominators as possessing a rare level of devotion, diligence and love of humanitarian service. Lorie Freeman's service to the Prairie View community was extensive and included promoting breast cancer awareness, campus safety and positive female communications and relationships. As a student leader, Ms. Freeman was actively involved in the student and campus life of the university. Her organizational affiliations included National Council of Negro Women, Association of Black Communications Majors, National Association of Black Journalists, Panther Advisor Leaders (PALS), The Classic Dance Ensemble, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

In her hometown of Dallas, Texas, she has interned with the Dallas Examiner where she assisted with the AIDS Supplement, taught dance to elementary and middle school children at the Dallas Black Dance Theater, and participated in the Dallas Independent School District's Summer Splash Reading Enrichment Program.

She is an active member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas where she grew up upon high school graduation was awarded the Branch Roland Scholarship for active attendance and participation. She also serves as an usher and mentor to the youth.

Ms. Freeman was a December 2004 graduate with a degree in communications studies and a minor in dance.



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 19, 2005

Greetings:

As Governor, it is my great honor to extend greetings to all in attendance at Prairie View A&M University's commencement.

Through the ages, each generation has been called upon to strengthen our foundation; through the ages, each generation has excelled, preparing the way for the others to come. Your graduation today marks the culmination of many years of hard work, signifying the continuation of a promising future.

A college degree opens the doors to a lifetime of opportunity, and I congratulate you all for your ongoing commitment to building upon the successes that have already been achieved. You are our next generation of presidents. You are tomorrow's astronauts who will soar into space in a new era of space exploration. You will teach the young Texans of tomorrow. Whatever your profession, in years to come, it is through your commitment to excellence that you will change the lives of people the world over.

To the faculty, staff and families in attendance, your support has contributed immeasurably to the success of today's graduates. Your state salutes your endeavors and the important role that you have played.

Mrs. Perry joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion. We wish you every success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Perry
Governor



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May 7, 2005

Dear Graduates:

Today, I join your family and friends in congratulating you on your graduation from Prairie View A&M University. To reach this momentous day has required hard work, self discipline, and tenacity on your part. These attributes will serve you well in your future workplace, your community, and within your own family.

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.

On behalf of The Texas A&M University System, I congratulate you and wish you success in your professional and personal endeavors.

Sincerely,

Robert D. McTeer
Chancellor

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Dear Graduates,

It is indeed my honor on behalf of the more than 45,000 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 grand institution.

The lessons you learned here have prepared you for the ever-changing demands of the 21st Century. Demands our Alma Mater has been preparing her students for almost one hundred and thirty years. As you take that final stroll across this stage, embrace the challenges that await you as you embark upon the journey of becoming a productive citizen in the world community. Meet these challenges and forces head-on but always be true to yourself. Prairie View A&M University has made a difference in your life and she expects you to make a difference in the lives you touch. A person once said, "Greatness is determined by the service we give." I urge you to team with a local alumni chapter in the area where you live.

Please contact the National Alumni Headquarters office to activate your alumni gift of a free annual membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Congratulations and best wishes for a great 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
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