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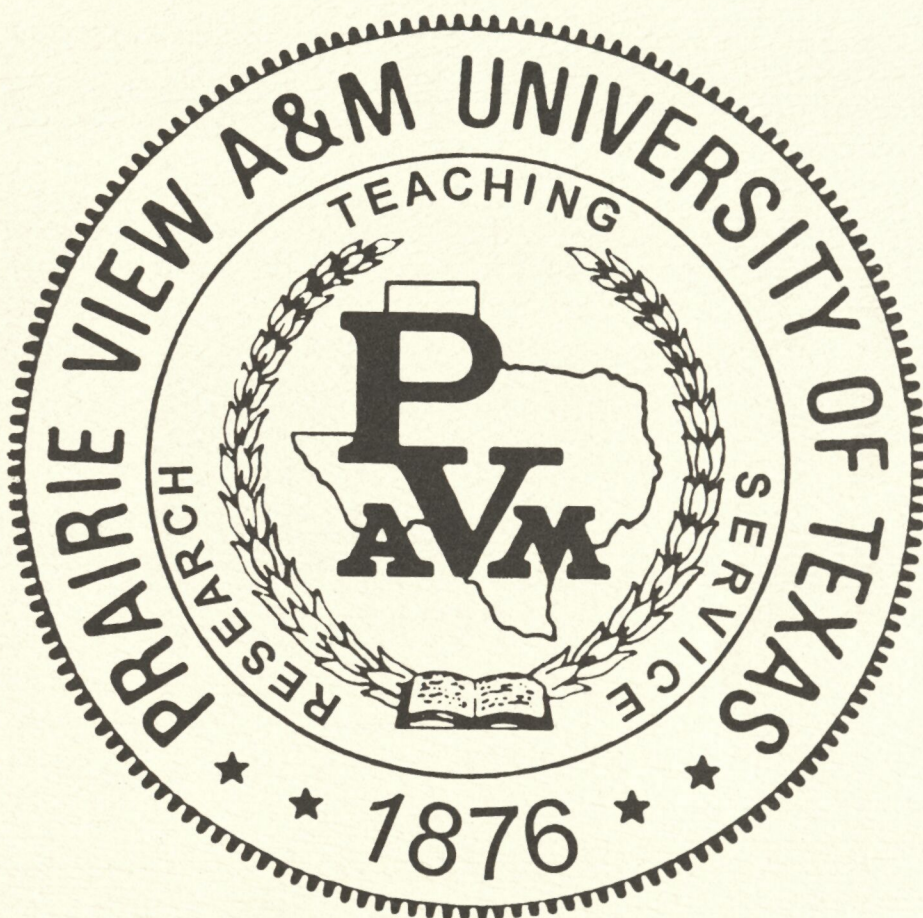
A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

(THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND COMMENCEMENT)



WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING
SATURDAY MORNING, MAY TENTH
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.

English Curriculum

BRANCH, AMANDA MARIE	Houston	MOSS, ANDREA RESHA	Dallas
JOHNSON, AYASHA DANYELL	Houston	SLADE, QUA'SHRENDRA ROCHELLE	Marshall
MATHEWS, TENESIA SHAVONNE	Fort Worth		

History Curriculum

VOISINE, KRISTOPHER ALLEN	Cypress
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Music Curriculum

BREAKER, KEEGAN NATHANIEL	Missouri City	MILLER JR., GARY SCOTT	Prairie View
FERGUSON, KEITH JEREMIE	Texas City	TYLER, ADLAN JAMAIL	Houston
FERGUSON, KEVIN JOSHUA	Texas City		

Political Science Curriculum

CARTER II, WILLIAM CHARLES	Houston	MATHEWS, TENESIA SHAVONNE	Fort Worth
CORNELIUS, LA NEESA C.	Texarkana	MCDOWELL, TAD GABRIEL	Portland, OR
HENRY, YUARVA NIKILANDRIA	Diboil	MCMILLAN, TEQUILLA	Fayetteville, NC

Sociology Curriculum

AMIE, TONYEL MICOLE	Keller	REYNOLDS, COLLEEN ANDREA-MARIE	Fort Hood
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

BIRDWELL, STEPHANIE KORVETTE	Navosota	MERCHANT, ROBERT R.	Galveston
FRANKLIN, MONICA SHREE	Houston	PRICE JR., JIM H.	Houston
GRIFFIN, KANIKA	Houston	ROQUEMORE, ADARYLL RASHON	Houston
JOHNSON, TRINA D.	Houston	THOMPSON, REGINA DIANN	Hempstead
JONES-DAVIS, TAMAY G.	Houston	THORNTON, KATRINA NICOLE	Houston
KUPOLATI, JOSEPH AWANI	Lagos, Nigeria	WOODARD, TIFFANY CORRINNE	Navasota
LAWHON, EDWARD LEWIS	Willis		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Applied Music-Voice

LIGGINS, ERIN DENIS	Houston	SCOTT, AUDRA N.	Fort Worth
SANDERS II, KENNETH MCKINLEY	Houston		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biology Curriculum

CARROLL, MARIE MICHELE	Houston	HUMPHREY, ANTOINETTE	Wichita Falls
CARTER, JENIECE L.	Arlington	HUSSEIN, DEEGAIFRAH	Houston
CHAPMAN III, JOHNNY	Grand Prairie	IGBO, NNENNA CHIOMA LUCY	Apikpo, Nigeria
DABNEY, RAETASHA SHEAVETTE	Farmersville	JEFFERY, WILLIAM ANTHONY KIETH	Houston
DEBOSE, KAMESHA MARQUETTE	Spring	JONES, SHANTELL B.	Houston
FLOWERS, APRIL PHILICE OLA	Killeen	KIRBY, BRANDON BRYCE	Houston
GARCIA, RAMON F.	San Francisco, CA	LONG, KIANA D.	Antioch, CA
GIBSON, CHARMAINE CHAUNTELLE	Temple	MAKORI, FREDRICK OMURWA	Jersey City, NJ
HENRY, SHANITA LASHAUN	Fort Worth	MCCLENDON, TANYA N.	Dallas
FISHER III, ERVIN	Corrigan	MCCRAY, MIRA C.	Missouri City

MOORE, SHALANDA LATRIECE	Timpson	SMITH, TIFFANY ROCHELL	Houston
NICHOLS, JASON PINKARD	Dallas	SODERS, JANAYLE C.	Houston
OTULANA, OLAKUMBI B.	Houston	WESLEY, MARY MELISSA	Hattiesburg, MS
RICHARD, ROBBIE SHELICIA	Houston	WHITING, JANICE R.	Dickinson
SANDERS, CHARCACIA TIANA	Dallas	WILLIAMS, SHARIFA N.	Houston

Mathematics Curriculum

CASIAS, TIFFANI MARIE	Houston	JONES, DAVE SYLVESTER	Houston
EVANS, AURYSIA R.	Houston		

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting Curriculum

ALEXANDER, DIANNE	Hempstead	HOOKS, MONICA DENISE	Dallas
BANKS, DANTE' A.	Port Gibson, MS	LILLY, KEDRA BENA	Houston
BOUTTE, JAMES EDWARDS	Lufkin	NEGUSE, AMLESET TESFAI	Asmara, Eritrea
FRAZIER-KING, FRANCES M.	Dallas	TAYLOR, CHASITY DENISE	Houston
HAYNESWORTH, AMELIA MELISSA	Houston		

Administrative Information Systems Curriculum

BALLOU, LARA	Houston	MUCHENJE, DUEN T.	Denver, CO
DARNELL, LOVELL DARIN	Missouri City	OWENS, KENTON A.	Arlington
GREEN, GEORGEANA LYDELL	San Antonio	PETERSON, CHERQURIA L.	Dallas
GREEN, MARCUS	Killeen	RATTANASENA, JOHNNY K.	Dallas
HAWKINS, TIMOTHY C.	Missouri City	ROBINSON JR., CARL WILLIAM	Omaha, NE
LANG, MICHAEL C.	Fort Worth	SHUMAKE, RASHAD	Dallas
LEMON, TANDY L.	Houston	SPENCER, BRYAS EDWARD	Coppell
MAYO, KRYSTAL MONIQUE	Houston	STEPHENS, LATESHIA LYNN	De Soto
MILLER JR., ALVIN S.	Brenham	TAYLOR, CHASITY DENISE	Houston
MINHAS, OMER W.	Sialkot, Pakistan	THOMPSON, ASHLEY LAUREN	Houston
MOORE SR., JASON LA TROY	Dallas		

Finance Curriculum

FENNOY, NAJAH TARIQA	East St. Louis, IL	ROSS, AUDRA DANIELLE	Houston
LINTON, RYAN EMERY	Fort Worth	WHITE, TIANYA CHANDICE	Renton, WA
MOORE, LARRY L.	San Benito		

Management Curriculum

CROSBY, D'WAYLON DWATARI	Dallas	MITCHELL-MOORE, TAWANNA	Houston
GLENN, KEHNON J.	Houston	OWENS II, THOMAS JEFFERSON	Houston
LEMON, TANDY L.	Houston	KESEE-SIMON, SABRINA L.	Sealy

Marketing Curriculum

BROADUS, SHAWNTEL D.	San Antonio	JONES, LATOYA	Dickinson
CROSS, CHRISTINA	Houston	MALONE, JERMON CHARLES.	Houston
FERGUSON, KEITH	Texas City	OWENS II, THOMAS JEFFERSON	Austin
FERGUSON, KEVIN JOSHUA	Texas City	ROLLINS, DYREN S.	Liberty
FIELDS, ALICIA ALEXANDRIA	Chicago, IL	SLY, DAVID D.	Friendswood
FLOWERS, KENDRAYA C.	Bronx, NY	STEWART, KRISTY J.	Richmond
FOSTER, JAMAAL E'DWIN	Missouri City	VAUGHN, ANEESAH KAAMILY	Dallas
FREEMAN, BRANDI YVETTE	Houston	WATKINS, CRESHENDAHL CHIMERE	Houston
HUDSON JR., JOHN CECIL EDWARD	Houston	WOODS JR., TERENCE LYNN	Houston

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Health Curriculum

BONTON, LA TRIECE	Houston	JOHNSON, ALYSIA MARIE	Arlington
BRANCH, AMANDA MARIE	Houston	LANFORD, EBONY MONTRELL	Houston
BROOKS, NOTIKA E.	Markham	MITCHELL, EBONY NICOLE	Orange
GLENN, REGGIE L.	Fort Worth	PETERSON, VALERIE ANNETTE	Houston
GRANT, RACHELLE D.	Houston	SANDERS, ADRIENNE RAQUEL	Port Arthur
GRAVES, TASHA L.	Houston	SMITH, JIMMY R. O.	Fort Worth
GRAYS, LASHAWN DENIECE	Flint, MI	WATKINS JR., JOHNNY LEE	Flint, MI
HAWKINS, ANTHONY J.	Austin		

Human Performance Curriculum

ADAMS, ADRIAN D.	Lufkin	MILES, JAMAR W.	Flint, MI
ARTERBERY, DAVID JAMAL	Marshall	MIMS, CLAUDE	Palestine
BERRY, JOEANN WAKISHAK	Crockett	ROPER, AHMAD	Houston
HAMILTON JR., LARRY D.	Spring	SMITH, JASON MACHENRY	Fort Worth
JACKSON, EARNEST G.	Brookshire	TURNER, JOYLYNER	Sunnyside
LANG, LEANDRE	Hempstead		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

BAGLEY, KIAMESHA JANTA'	Houston	MCELVY, TIFFANY YVONNE	Dallas
BOONE, JARVELLYN NESHAE	Hearne	MILLER, KATACHA JANET	Katy
BOYD, CALISTA ELTEMAN	Houston	O'NEIL JR., HERBERT	Hearne
BOYKINS III, JAMES	Killeen	PITTMAN, JUANDALYN	Bryan
EPPS, SAMARIA B.	League City	PRIOLEAU, SHARONDA	Fort Worth
ERVIN, DARRIEL D.	Waco	RODGERS, DIONNE N.	Houston
FIELDS, TEIAUNDRALAQUAN	Fort Worth	ROGERS, KATRINA LANNETTE	Houston
HOLDEN, JOCELYN LENE'	Silsbee	RUNNELS, JOY LAVON	Dallas
IVY, KAREN ROSE-ANN	St. Mary, Jamaica	SADBERRY JR., RICKIE	Fort Worth
JACKSON, JAMILA TAHLEH	Dallas	SMITH, LATONYA SHANAE	Hearne
JOHNSON, CRYSTAL JOY	Houston	TROTTEY, ERICA JAMILLE	Rockdale
MARTIN, DEANZA LATRICE	Fort Worth	WALKER, DESERE SHREE	Missouri City

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Computer Science Curriculum

CHAMBERS, ROGER ANTONIO	Houston	HERNANDEZ, RONALD EMILIO	Waller
CLAY, JELANI R.	Chicago, IL	HOBBS, JANTONYA KENSHA	Sugar Land
CROCKROM, JARIAN D.	Houston	MALONE, CHARNELLIA LENEEN'	Houston
EDWARDS, ANDRE TERENCE	Houston	MASON III, RICHARD	Arlington
EWING, SONYA RUE	Commerce	MAYHORN III, IVORY	Houston
GREENE II, MONTE MCLAINE	Hartford	MCKINNEY, KATTI NICOLE	New Braunfels
GRIFFIN, AISHA E.	Hempstead	PEMBA, SERGE M.	Limbe, Cameroon
GUIDRY JR., ROBERT RAY	New Orleans, LA	WILLIAMS, SHAYLON DEAUN	Lake Charles, LA

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

HAWKINS, LATISHA DEVON	Houston	PHILLIPS, ALTOVISE JERNEILLE CORINNA	Houston
MARSHALL, ANDRE' L.	Fort Worth	RICHARDSON, TORRIE A.	Houston
OMWOYO, GEORGE O.	Houston	SPENCER, BRANDI LAFAI	Austin

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

BLANTON III, CLEOPHA	Mt. Enterprise	WILLIAMS, JONETTA L.	Houston
HENDERSON, LAKENYA RENEE	Kingston, Jamaica		

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

ALFRED, ROSHON S.	Houston	LEDAY, COREY JAROD	Missouri City
BOWMAN, JEREMI DANIEL	Beaumont	LINDLEY, ROBERT LAVAR	Houston
CANNONIER, JASON H.	Dallas	MAXWELL, TIFFANY NICHOLE	Austin
EPPS, ELISHA C.	Dallas	ROSE, MARSHA HENR'A	Houston
FORTENBERRY, TIFANI	Houston	RUSS, ANTHONY BROOKS-FORD	Texarkana
GRANT JR., PHILLIP A.	Houston	SCOTT, EDWIN THOMAS	Jacksonville
JACKSON, MESHIA LA'SHAVIOR	Prairie View	SIMS, RYAN LEE	Tyler
JOHNSON, KATRINA LYNN	Houston	WARD, DAVID LEE	Houston
JONES, CONNIE DARLYNN	Houston	WARD, MISTY LA'SHAUN	Houston
LADDIE, NIGEL VINCENT	Houston	WILSON, KEITH R.	Houston

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

ADAMS, PAUL DAVID	Midway	HUGHES, ERICA R.	Lancaster
AHMED, ZAHEERUDDIN	Houston	HUSSEIN, ABDI ABDALLA	Mogadisho, Somalia
ANDERSON, RAHMAN YUSEH	Hughes Spring	JACKSON, TUNEISA LATRELLE	Baton Rouge, LA
BARTON, ERNEST DELANO	Dallas	KING, TY'RELL DEVON	Humble
BIRDOW, DAVID JARVIS	Waco	MARTIN, SYRETTA LATON	LaGrange, GA
CALLIER, KINA ANJANETTE	Houston	MITCHELL, RAMONT L.	Detroit, MI
DILLARD, TANESHA TA'BABA	Seattle, WA	REED JR., MACARTHUR	Memphis, TN
DIXON, ANGELA R.	Sherman	THOMAS, ROGER GEORGE	Montego Bay, Jamaica
GILL, MELISSA DAWN	Houston	WALLS, JAMILL CHARLES	Houston
HALL, MAURICE DANIEL	San Antonio	WATSON, BRANDON TERRON	Houston
HARNESS JR., JERRY W.	Anchorage, AK	WOLF JR., FLOYD	Cypress

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

BAKER, RICK	Dallas	LANE, JOSEPH RAY	Weimar
BETHEL, MARK VINCENT	Nassau, Bahamas	LEVY, DARIAN DEWAYNE	Houston
DANIELS, GEODRICK DJUAN	Houston	ROBINSON, CHERYL LANETTE	Detroit, MI
DAWSON, RANDY JAMAHL	Houston	ROY JR., KEITH ESTORGE	Houston
JOHNSON, BRIAN ELLIOT	Galveston	SCOTT, TRENTON JAMES	Port Arthur
JOUBERT, LATANYA D.	Missouri City	SPENCER, CHAUNCEY D.	Fort Worth

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Computer Aided Drafting and Design Curriculum

BELL, ALECIA L.	Beaumont
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

CARTER, RAMON DARNELL	Baton Rouge, LA	NORTHCUTT, AVIONE YVONNE	San Antonio
HENDERSON II, LARRY DARNELL	Jackson, MS	TRYON, KIMBERLY LANELL	Grapeland
MARTIN, RICHARD J.	Port Arthur	WALKER, SEAN SHANE	Katy

SCHOOL OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

BROWN, MICHAEL KEITH	Fort Worth	JACKSON, TAMICA CHERIE	Houston
CRAWFORD, DONNA COLEMAN	Somerville	LEEPERS, TAMIQUA LASHAN	Dallas
CURRY, IQUETTA CHRISTINA	Lubbock	SCOTT, DECARLO T.	Houston
DEW, BRIDGET LATRICE	Fort Worth	SMITH, GARY L.	Houston
FEW, BELINDA CAROL	Hearne	TAYLOR, SIDNEY JAMES	Houston
GUYTON, SHERONDA L.	Sacramento, CA	WILLIAMS, TAWANA	Houston
HOLMES JR., DENNIS L.	Killeen		

Juvenile Justice Curriculum

CLARK, ADRIEN DWIGHT	Dallas	WASHINGTON, NAKEISHA QUIAN	Houston
HAWKINS, PAULETTE YVETTE	Houston	WINSTON JR., CURTIS LEE	Fort Worth

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Psychology Curriculum

ALEXANDER, SHAUNA M.	Hempstead	LOVE, JERIA R.	Houston
ARIGBON, OMOLOLA ADEYEMI	Portland, OR	MARBLE, JOY DANIELLE	New Orleans, LA
BARNETT, GRETCHEN RENEE'	Beaumont	MCCOWN, KASEY LEE	Tomball
BURLEIGH, NINA MYBAKI	Houston	MOSES, KEISHA MICHELLE	Houston
COLEMAN, GAYE C.	Cypress	MOSLEY, KYMBREL YUELINA	Houston
COLEMAN, NENA	Austin	MUPIER, NELLA P.	Bloomington, IL
COLLINS, TASHA M.	Austin	O'BRYANT, MAELISHIA	Houston
DAVIS, KANESHA LYNN	Temple	PRINCE, SHAYLA C.	Victoria
DAVIS, TASHONNA L.	LaMarque	SMALL, JON'VILE ANTOINETTE	Dickinson
FRANKLIN, ROSSLYN K.	Sugar Land	SMITH, NIECHIA SUBRINA	Houston
GILMORE, ADRIENNE DORA	Houston	SQUARE, LLOYD B.	Houston
HAWKINS, ANTHONY J.	Austin	STEED, ROLUNDA GAYLE	Lufkin
JONES, DANIELLE NICOLE	Houston	WALLACE, MARGARET ELLEN	Houston
JONES, TIFFANY LEARLINE NICOLE	Houston	WOODARD, JOCOSA SHAROSE	Wharton
JONES JR., TOMMY LEE	Fort Worth		

COLLEGE OF NURSING

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

ABEBE, HELEN T.	Houston	HEBERT, NINA M.	Ames
ALLEN-MCBRIDE, ENEDRA D.	Houston	HUNT, LATRICIA R.	Houston
AMAECHE, FELICIA IFEYINWA	Houston	INKUMSAH, DORIS A.	Houston
BEYENE, LEMENOR S.	Houston	JOSEPH, LAMIKA LATRICE	Houston
BOOKER, ANTOINETTE LA'SHAY	Houston	LUANGRASH, POUNSY K.	Vientiane, Laos
BROWN, ADA O.	Houston	MITCHELL, EBONY NICOLE	Orange
BRUTON, VANESSA NICOLE	Houston	NEWMAN, ASHANTI SAUVETREK	Grapeland
BURTON-ESSIA, DESHON	Plain Dealing, LA	NYAKUNDI, JACKLINE K.	Houston
COLEMAN, STEPHANY WILLETTE	Wharton	REDD-GRAY, MARJORIE L.	Dallas
CORTEZ, ELIAS	Houston	RENTERIA, JENNIFER LEIGH	Houston
DAGGS, YOLANDA YVETTE	Houston	RICHARD, BRITTNEY NICHELLE	Pearland
DAVIS, KRISTEN NICOLE	Brookshire	RIVERS, GIA GANAY	Houston
DIKAS, LISA FOSTER	Houston	ROBINSON, DAMEKA DANETTE	Houston
EASLEY, NICHELLE RENAE'	Alto	SIMS, IESHA KIMSHAE	Dallas
EDWARDS, KAREEN A.	Houston	SUWANNAKINTHORN, SINEE	Houston
FREEMAN, KELSIE NICHOLE	Houston	TAYLOR, SHARONDA LYNN.	Houston
GREEN, RACHEL RENE	Baytown	WHEELER, RACHEL	Houston
HALE, L'JUAN	Chattanooga, TN	WRIGHT, ELCENIA LORE	Houston
HAYS, CARLAMETA SHONDEL	Dallas	YOUNG, SHANNON	Killeen
HAYWOOD, KARMEN ALICEIA	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

BANKS, DANTE A.
IVY, KAREN ROSE-ANN

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90–4.00

LANKFORD, EBONY M.
SMITH, LATONYA S.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

BERRY, JOEANN W.
BETHEL, MARK V.
CLARK, ADRIEN D.
JACKSON, MESHIA L.
JONES, ROSHUNDA D.
LAWHON, EDWARD L.
MAKORI, FREDRICK O.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70–3.89

MCCOWN, KASEY LEE
MILLER, ALVIN S.
MUCHENJE, DUEN T.
O'NEIL JR., HERBERT O.
VOISINE, KRISTOPHER A.
WILLIAMS, DENZVILLE W.

CUM LAUDE

BARNETT, GRETCHEN R.
BOONE, JARVELLYN N.
BOWMAN, JEREMI D.
BOYD, CALISTA
CHAMBERS, ROGER A.
DABNEY, RAETASHA S.
DAWSON, RANDY
DILLARD, TANESHA T.
FIELDS, ALICIA A.
FRANKLIN, ROSSLYN K.
GIBSON, CHARMAINE C.
HUMPHREY, ANTOINETTE J.
HUSSEIN, ABDI A.
IGBO, NNENNA LUCY

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50–3.69

JONES-DAVIS, TAMAY
LANE, JOSEPH R.
LILLY, KEDRA B.
MARTIN, SYREETA L.
NICHOLS, JASON P.
NORTHCUTT, AVIONE Y.
PEMBA, SERGE
PHILLIPS, ALTOVISE J.
SIMS, RYAN L.
SMALL, JON'VILE A.
SPENCER, XAVIER V.
WILSON, KEITH R.
WRIGHT, MONET L.

COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

BEAL, CHRISTOPHER O., Second Lieutenant
Corps of Engineers, Immediate Active Duty, Brookshire, TX

BERRY, JOEANN W., Second Lieutenant
Medical Service Corps, Immediate Active Duty, Crockett, TX

CARROLL, MARIE M., Second Lieutenant
Adjutant General Corps, Active Duty, Houston, TX

CARTER, WILLIAM C., Second Lieutenant
Educational Delay, United States Army Chaplain Corps, Houston, TX

MORGAN, DAN L., Second Lieutenant
Quartermaster Corps, Active Duty, Schertz, TX

SIMS, RYAN L., Second Lieutenant
Field Artillery, Immediate Active Duty, Tyler, TX

COMMISSIONS IN THE NAVY AND THE MARINE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES

BAKER, RICK, Ensign
United States Navy Active Duty Reserve, USS Doyle, Mayport, FL.

BOYKINS III, JAMES, Second Lieutenant
United States Marine Corps Active Duty Reserve, The Basic School, Quantico, VA

HOLMES JR., Dennis L., Ensign
United States Navy Active Duty Reserve, USS Bunker Hill, San Diego, CA

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	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
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	Scarlet

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.

ROBERT L. STINNETT

Dr. Stinnett is a native of Dallas, TX and a 1953 graduate of Prairie View A&M University where he earned a BS degree in mathematics and a commission of 2d Lieutenant, US Army, through the University Army ROTC program.

He completed a distinguished military career of 20 years before retiring in 1973 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During his military career he was one of the first black pioneers in Army Aviation earning his pilot wings in January 1956. He was rated in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft attaining the highest military pilot rating of Master Army Aviator. During his military career he served in command and staff positions in aviation units throughout the continental United States, Germany, The Republic of Korea and Vietnam. He served two tours of combat duty in the Republic of Vietnam as commander of Army helicopter units and earned two awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism, the Air Medal with "V" device for heroism, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service and numerous campaign and service medals and awards. Dr. Stinnett has been featured in two best seller publications pertaining to the Vietnam war, "Chickenhawk", by Robert Mason, published by The Viking Press, and "We Were Soldiers Once...And Young" by Lieutenant General (R) Harold Moore and Joseph L. Galloway, published by Random House. The latter book was developed into the 2002 movie production "We Were Soldiers" starring Mel Gibson. Also in 2000, he was featured in the documentary "Flight Line: The Army Helicopter Pilots of Vietnam" produced by Flight Line Partners, LLC, hosted and narrated by actor Harrison Ford.

After retiring from military service, Dr Stinnett continued his pursuit of higher education and earned his Masters and Doctorate degrees from The University of Oklahoma and Pacific Western University respectively. He joined the University of Oklahoma staff as an instructor and curriculum development specialist at the Federal Aviation Management Training School at Cameron University in Lawton, OK. Upon retiring from the University of Oklahoma in 1990, he initiated and founded the Management & Employees Training & Development Consultant Services (METD) firm where he still serves as President and Senior Consultant.

Dr. Stinnett is a life member of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association and serves on the board of directors. He has been President of the Class of 53 Alumni Chapter since 1990. He is also a member of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, the Omega Psi Fraternity where he is a past Basilius of the Psi Upsilon chapter, and is a past member on the Advisory committee of the Business Development council at the Lawton Great Plains Technology Center. He is also a member of The Military Officers Association and The Army Aviator Association of America, Inc.

Dr Stinnett lives in Lawton, Oklahoma. He is the proud parent of five children, the oldest a graduate of Prairie View and a member of The Prairie View A&M University Sports Hall of Fame.



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 13, 2003

Greetings to:

Prairie View A&M University

Spring Commencement Convocation

Warmest congratulations to all in attendance at Prairie View A&M University's Spring Commencement Convocation.

Graduates, today, a new journey begins. As this ceremony marks the culmination of many years of hard work, it also signifies the beginning of a promising future, bounded only by the limits of your imagination. The world awaits your contribution, and you have been trained on this campus to make a difference for your fellow man.

As you look toward new challenges and seek to make a difference in your homes and communities, I encourage you to always be unrelenting in your quest for excellence. You are the Texas of tomorrow.

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 large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent "R" and "P".

Rick Perry
Governor



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May 10, 2003

Dear Graduates:

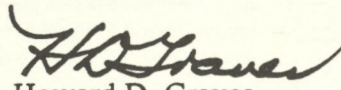
It is with great excitement that I offer you my sincere congratulations on this special day.

Prairie View A&M University has a tradition, from its earliest beginnings, to produce graduates of the highest caliber. You are now part of this tradition and it will continue with you, the graduating class of 2003.

I challenge you to take what you have learned here at Prairie View A&M University and work for the betterment of your community, your state and your world. Be strong leaders and provide an example for those around you.

Congratulations on your achievements at Prairie View A&M University and best of luck to you in your future endeavors!

All the best,


Howard D. Graves
Chancellor

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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi • Texas A&M University-Kingsville • Texas A&M University-Texarkana • West Texas A&M University

Agencies

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station • Texas Cooperative Extension • Texas Engineering Experiment Station • Texas Engineering Extension Service • Texas Forest Service
Texas Transportation Institute • Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory • Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service