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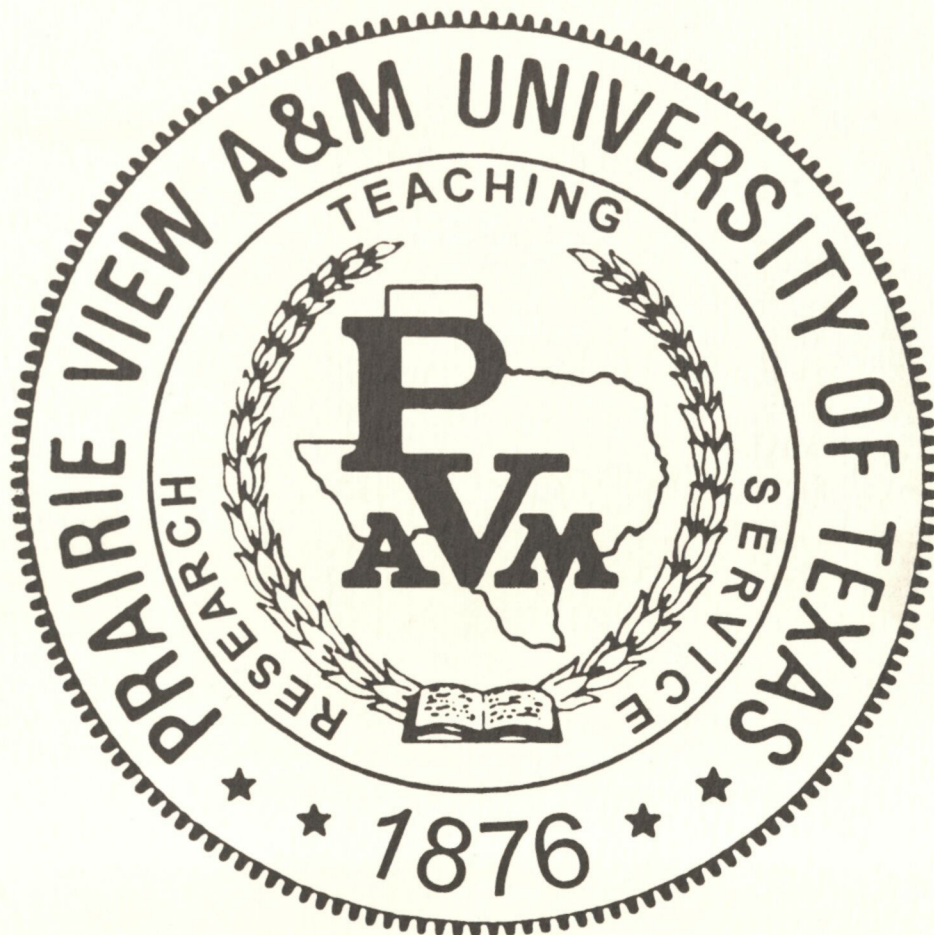
A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR

COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

(THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH COMMENCEMENT)



WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING
FRIDAY EVENING, MAY TWELFTH
TWO THOUSAND
SEVEN 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. Charles A. Hines
President, Prairie View A&M University

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Dr. Danny R. Kelly

THE CONVOCAATION 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

Academic Deans

Faculty

Candidates for Degrees in the Graduate School

President's Party

INVOCATION..... The Reverend Charles H. Lewter, Jr.
Dean, University Chapel

MUSIC: "Amazing Grace" *John Newton*

Miss Kaylynn Summers
Soloist

NATIONAL ANTHEM *Frances Scott Key*

OPENING REMARKS President Charles A. Hines

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS

AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES..... Mr. Robert H. Allen
Member, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM..... Dr. Stanton Calvert
Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations
The Texas A&M University System

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR..... President Charles A. Hines

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS..... Mr. William H. Swanson
President, Electronic Systems, and
Executive Vice President Raytheon Company
El Segundo, CA

MUSIC: "I Thank You, Jesus" *Robert Morris*
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

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES..... President Charles A. Hines

ALMA MATER: "Dear Prairie View" *Sibelius-Fuller*

RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance" *Sir Edward Elgar*

(Audience Seated)

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IKHLAS SABOUNI	<i>Dean, School of Architecture</i>
WILLIAM H. PARKER	<i>Dean, Graduate School</i>

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Animal Sciences

BROWN, CARL ANTHONY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Prairie View	WALKER, GEORGE D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	New Boston
JONES, GREGORY WAYNE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	San Antonio		

Human Sciences

NOEL, ROSENA ELIZABETH BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Prairie View	WALKER-WHITE, KIMBERLY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1988	Hempstead
PENDLETON, MARCIETTA GAYLE BS, Michigan State University, 1970	Houston		

Soil Sciences

WRIGHT JR., VICTOR D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Prairie View		
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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Sociology

EASON, JUDY FAYE BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Houston	LEWIS, SONYA LA'SHAE BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston
FISHBECK, JO ANN BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Brookshire	SMART, ROLANDA NICHOLE BSCJ, Southwest Texas State University, 1996	Beaumont
HENDERSON, SHONDA RAVONNE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Houston	THOMPSON, ELEANDOR DANIELLE BA, Philander Smith College, 1992	Bryan
HOLLIE, SHONDA CHAUVET BSCJ, Sam Houston State University, 1996	College Station		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Chemistry

HARRIS, GENIA KAY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	El Campo	KONAN, JONAS GILEGUY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Katy
JORDAN, ADRIENNE CHANELLE BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Missouri City		

Mathematics

ALI, KHADIJA HASSAN BS, Lafoole National University, 1982	Houston		
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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

DENG, QIANG BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1989	Waller	WILSON, BETTY A. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1981	Houston
SCHWEGMANN, WILLIAM ALLAN BS, North Texas State University, 1976	Cypress	ZUCH, HOWARD WILLIAM BS, Texas Southern University, 1990	Brenham

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Counseling

ALLEE, DOUGLAS L. BA, Harding University, 1972	Houston	HOLLOMAN, LARHONDA MACHELLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Prairie View
ARMSTRONG, RICHARD D. BS, Lamar University, 1987	Teague	HUGHES, LA KEISHA MICHELLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Houston
AUSTIN, CHARLENE S. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1975	Houston	JACKSON, ARMAND JARQUIN BS, University of Houston, 1991	Houston
BALY, FRANKA J. BA, University of Houston, 1992	Tomball	JAMES, CARLA DENISE BS, Grambling State University, 1992	Houston
BELL, MARVIN LEWIS BS, Texas College, 1981	Houston	JOHNSON, MICHELLE D. BA, Texas Southern University, 1993	Houston
BERRING, GWENDOLYN RANDLE BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1974	Brookshire	JONES, BRAYLON CORNELIUS BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Atlanta
BISHOP, DONNA MARIE BBA, Northeast Louisiana State University, 1983	Houston	KELLY, EURIKA LASHUN. BS, Texas Southern University, 1996	Houston
BOWMAN-HEADS, ANGELA M BS, University of Houston, 1995	Houston	KENDRICK, SHEILA R. BS, Tennessee State University, 1977	Nashville, TN
BOYD, LASHANNON KASANDRA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Prairie View	LANDRY, CHETONYA M. BS, Grambling State University, 1997	Alexandria, LA
BRANNON, TANYA ELAINE BAT, Sam Houston State University, 1981	Seabrook	MASON, ROLANDA LASHELLE. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Houston
BROWN, NEDRA DAWN BA, Texas Southern University, 1997	Houston	MCLAUGHLIN, KAREN LEE BS, Sam Houston State University, 1997	Houston
BRYANT, ZOLA M. CALHOUN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1991	Houston	MOORE, RICKY LEVONE BA, University of Texas, 1990	Missouri City
BURSE, RENEE L. BA, University of Texas, 1983	Houston	NEAL-CELESTINE, MONICA R. BS, Southern University, 1991	Houston
CARTER, INNETTA HARRIS BS, Texas Southern University, 1991	Houston	O'BRYANT, KAREN ELAINE BA, Texas Southern University, 1996	Houston
CASTILLE, JAMES HERBERT BA, Texas Southern University, 1973	Houston	PERRY-SMITH, SHEREE DENISE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Houston
CAULEY, JULLION U. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Bryan	PIGGE', DEWAYNE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston
CHARLES, CLIFTON E. BS, University of Texas, 1993	Rosenburg	POWELL, CAROL JANE BA, Baylor University, 1969	Spring
COSBY, TANISHA LARU BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1999	Ames, IA	POWELL, JESSICA K. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Brenham
CURRY, SANDRA WENDELIN BS, Texas Southern University, 1994	Houston	PRIMES, MIA RAQUEL BS, Texas Southern University, 1995	Houston
DANIELS, LOTTIE MARIE BA, Huston-Tillotson University, 1971	Beaumont	RANDLE, CHANTE' A. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1987	Houston
DORSEY, RICKI EARL BA, Texas Southern University, 1981	Houston	RANDLE JR., THEODORE CLARENCE R. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Prairie View
DUNGEY, DEBORAH J. BBA, Tennessee State University, 1975	Nashville, TN	RODRIGUEZ, VILMA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Houston
ESTES, TERRY HOKE BS, Texas A&M University, 1992	Houston	ROLLINS, DAHL ANNETTE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Liberty
FRENCH, ERRIN G. BA, University of Findlay, 1992	Katy	RUCKER III, JAMES E. BA, Texas Southern University, 1998	Houston
GORE, FRANCES A. BS, Southwest Texas State University, 1978	Brenham	RUSHING, CATHY D. BBA, Sam Houston State University, 1995	Houston
GUIDO, CHERYL ANN BS, Texas A&M University, 1994	Spring	SAMPSON JR., FRANKLIN D. BA, University of Houston, 1994	Cypress
HARGEST-HYNES, TWYLA BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Brookshire	SCHROEDER, PAULA JOY BS, University of Houston, 1994	Brookshire
HAWKINS, JOSEPH E. BS, Texas Southern University, 1997	Houston	SMITH, TANYA YVONNE BS, Southern University, 1995	Houston
HERNANDEZ, DINA D. BS, Lamar University, 1995	Houston	STUBBLEFIELD JR., CHRISTOPHER PAUL BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Houston

THOMAS, CATHYANNE BBA, Texas Southern University, 1996	Humble	WHORTON, LASHAWN JEMMECE BS, University of Houston, 1993	Houston
WASHINGTON, KALAN JON BA, Morehouse College, 1995	Houston	WILLIAMS, PHILLIP G. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1983	Pearland
WASHINGTON, TEMESHIA POWELL BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Brenham	WILLIAMS, TYRA ANNISA BS, Sam Houston State University, 1994	Humble

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

APPIAH-AMANING, BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Houston	EDWARDS, MARY LOUISE BS, University of Houston, 1983	Houston
CHACHERE, GLENDA YVETTE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1991	Houston		

Curriculum and Instruction (Agriculture Education)

BULGIN, AINSLGY HUGH BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Westmoreland, Jamaica	RAYFORD, MADISON T. L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Huntsville
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Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Media and Technology)

EARGLE, EDWIN L. BSE, Phillips University, 1993	Giddings	LUCAS, JENNIFER ANNE BA, Michigan State University, 1992	Houston
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Curriculum and Instruction (Mathematics Education)

ARIES, SHARI BS, University of Nebraska, 1965	Spring	DOUGLAS, JUANITA G. BS, University of Houston, 1973	Kingwood
BALL, IRIS B. BS, University of Houston, 1994	Houston	BECKFORD, WAYNE A. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	Houston

Curriculum and Instruction (Reading Education)

DUNCAN, ARLENE DARTHULA BSC, University of Liberia, 1986	Cypress	JONES, NIKI LETARSE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1998	Dallas
GRIMES, FELICIA ELAINE BS, Paul Quinn College, 1994	Lancaster		

Educational Administration

ABDELSAYED, MARY AZIZ BA, Cairo University, 1981	Houston	CROWE, MARY JANE BS, Southwest Texas State University, 1978	Katy
ADAME, ANGELICA BS, University of Texas, 1990	Houston	DANIELS, RUTH BOYD PLAIR BA, Lamar University, 1996	Beaumont
ADAMS, CYNTHIA WUDI BS, University of Toledo, 1983	Cypress	DAVIS, MICHELLE LEIGH BS, University of Texas, 1988	Houston
ALLEN, LUTHER E. BA, University of Houston, 1996	Houston	ESCHBERGER, DAVID T. BA, Texas A&M University, 1990	Houston
BAGBY SR., JOHN M. BFA, University of Houston, 1974	Houston	FREED, KATHY KIM BS, Texas A&M University, 1981	Houston
BANNER, TINA LOUISE BS, Louisiana State University, 1996	Houston	GARY, DEBRA A. BBA, Texas Southern University, 1996	Houston
BROUSSARD, AMANDA ROCHELLE. BS, University of Houston, 1992	Houston	GEORGE, GWENDOLYN JAMES BS, Texas Southern University, 1974	Houston
COLLINS, PEGGY LOUISE BA, Texas Southern University, 1985	Houston	HAMLETT III, JOHN W. BS, Texas Christian University, 1991	Round Rock
CRAWFORD, ANGELA BBA, Texas Southern University, 1997	Houston	HIGHTOWER, CECITA SHANTELL BBA, Lamar University, 1995	Houston

HOPKINS, JACQUELYN K. BS, University of Houston, 1998	Houston	PUNCH, MICHELLE YVETTE BS, Texas Southern University, 1994	Houston
KEAHEY, ELIZABETH BS, University of the Ozarks, 1989	Houston	RATLIFF, JAMES CARVER BS, Upper Iowa University, 1977	Huntsville
LEWIS-SKINNER, DAMETRA NICOLETTE BS, Lamar University, 1995	Orange	REECE, SYLVIA FAYE BENNETT BS, Texas Southern University, 1987	Houston
LUTTON, MARY DAWN BS, University of Southern Mississippi, 1991	Houston	SKINNER, TRAVIS D. BA, University of Guam, 1982	Tomball
MIKE-GLENN, TIFFANY K. BS, Texas Southern University, 1992	Houston	SOLOMON, STEFANIE M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1990	Houston
MILLER, SHERI L. BA, Dillard University, 1991	Stafford	STEVENSON, CHRISTIAN BS, Tuskegee University, 1997	Houston
MOANING-NEWSOME, MARY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1979	Houston	THOMPSON, NICHOLE N. BA, Huston-Tillotson College, 1993	Houston
MORRIS JR., SILVESTER BS, Texas Southern University, 1988	Houston	WALKER II, JOHN W. BS, Baylor University, 1992	Houston
OWENS, CATHERINE LORRAINE BS, University of Texas, 1992	Houston	WHITE, JAMES EARL BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1986	Houston

Health

BROWN-PETE, ALICIA LYNN BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1991	Houston	HARRISON, LA TREACE DENEEN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	Houston
ENAOHWO, KECIA LIND BS, Texas Southern University, 1996	Houston	HAWKINS, ALEC LENNARD BS, Southern University, 1998	Baton Rouge, LA

Physical Education

MOODY, MATTHEW A. BS, Langston University, 1993	Prairie View	WILSON, ERRICK DEMOND BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Summit, MS.
SHARPE JR., TALMADGE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1973	Houston		

Special Education

CERON, ALMA BA, York College, 1996	Houston	TAYLOR, STEVIE JOE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1980	Houston
DAVIS-FOBBS, LESIA L BS, Lamar University, 1987	Houston	WILLIAMS, JANETTE A. BS, Texas Southern University, 1981	Baytown
SZYMANSKI, PEGGY H. BS, Texas A&M University, 1974	East Bernard		

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

AL-BATAINEH, RIAD AHMAD KHALAF BS, Syracuse University, 1982	Houston	MOHAMMAD, KHAN IMTIAZ BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Prairie View
BENMIRA, JAMALED DINE BS, University of Amis Cadi Ayad, 1996	Houston	NAQUI, SYED AGHA SAEED BS, University of Nebraska, 1993	Prairie View
FERDOUS, SALMA BS, Dhaka University, 1987	Austin	POWELL, KIRK ST. ALWYN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	Kansas City, MO.
HARRIS, ERNETT ANTHONY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	Houston	SULEMAN, NASIM MUHAMMAD BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Houston
LINDSEY, CHRISTOPHER G. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston	ZHANG, DEXIN BS, Maritime University of Dalian, 1982	College Station
MAZID, MD ABDUL BS, Bangladesh University of Engineering, 1989	Hempstead		

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	Scarlet
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.

**WILLIAM H. SWANSON
PRESIDENT OF
RAYTHEON ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS
And
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
RAYTHEON COMPANY**

BIOGRAPHY

William H. Swanson is the President of Electronic Systems. He is also an Executive Vice President of Raytheon Company.

Headquartered in El Segundo, California, Electronic Systems is an \$8 Billion business employing over 36,000 people.

Electronic Systems brings together pre-eminent capabilities in radar and electro-optics in space, airborne and ground applications, world leadership in missiles, and naval systems and integration expertise. Electronic Systems consists of six major business areas: Surveillance and Reconnaissance Systems; Tactical Systems; Air Combat and Strike Systems; Naval and Maritime Integrated Systems; Missile Systems; and Air/Missile Defense Systems.

Swanson joined Raytheon Company in 1972, and has held a wide-range of challenging positions including Manufacturing Manager of the Company's Equipment Division, Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Missile Systems Division, and General Manager of Raytheon Electronic Systems, and most recently, Chairman and Chief Executive Office of Raytheon Systems Company.

A native of California, Swanson graduated Magna Cum Laude from California Polytechnic State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering. His graduate work was performed in Business Administration at Golden Gate University. He was selected as the Outstanding Industrial Engineering Graduate in 1972, and in 1991 was recognized the Honored Alumnus from California Polytechnic State University School of Engineering. Swanson is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Alpha Pi Mu and Blue Key Honor Societies.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Swanson serves on the California Polytechnic State University School of Engineering Advisory Council, and is a member of the National Defense Industrial Association, the Association of the United States Army, the Navy League and the Air Force Association.



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GEORGE W. BUSH
GOVERNOR

May 1, 2000

Greetings to:

***The Graduating Class of
Prairie View A&M University***

Congratulations on your May 12 graduation. Earning your graduate degree is a great accomplishment, and I know you and your family are proud.

This milestone marks the culmination of many years of hard work, and I wish you every success in the future. As you prepare for new challenges and opportunities, I encourage you to continue striving for excellence in your professional careers and community involvement. By sharing your talents and skills with others, you can help make Texas a beacon state.

Laura joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion.



Sincerely,


GEORGE W. BUSH



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May 12, 2000

Dear Graduates:

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

Prairie View A&M University has long been recognized as an institution of excellence, producing graduates who strive to succeed in all areas of life. This tradition of excellence continues today, through all of you, the graduating class of 2000.

I challenge you to take all you have learned here at Prairie View A&M University and improve your world. Be strong leaders and provide a shining example for those around you.

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

All the best,

Howard D. Graves
Chancellor

Universities

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

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Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association, I congratulate you on receiving your Master's degree today.

How honored we are that you chose our great University to study for an advanced degree. We believe that the breadth and depth of your experiences at Prairie View will mean an even brighter future for you and provide the opportunity for your contributing to our world at a higher level.

As an alumnus of Prairie View A&M University, you are encouraged to join in with the Alumni Association in the tradition of Proud Panthers who GIVE BACK. Partner with us!

May good fortune be yours as you continue to make a difference.

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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.

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