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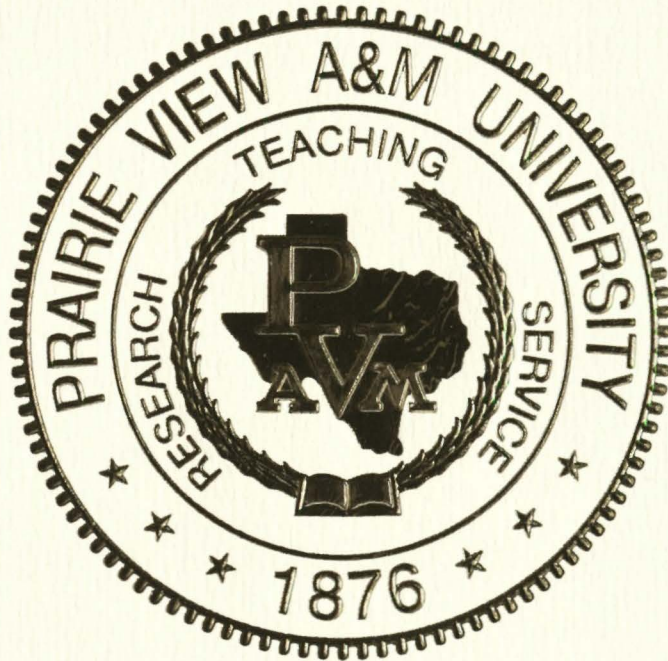
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ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH YEAR

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of The Texas A&M University System

Prairie View, Texas



Commencement Convocation

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIFTH COMMENCEMENT

WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY THIRTEENTH

TWO THOUSAND SIX

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 CONVOCATION PROCESSION
COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCESSION Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
Provost and Senior Vice President 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
Faculty
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Business
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Education
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Engineering
President's Party

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 Marvin D. Brailsford
Lieutenant General
United States Army Retired
Beaumont, Texas

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessed" *arr. Mack Wilberg*

The University Chorale
Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Director

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

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM:

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Dean Danny R. Kelley, Ph.D.

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

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

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING Dean Milton R. Bryant, 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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WILLIAM H. PARKER	Dean, Graduate School

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES¹

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Communications Curriculum

ALFORD, ANTWAINESH RAYSHAN	Duncanville	PRESTON, SHALAEETH DANIELLE	China
CIPRIANI, MEGHANN DAWN	Missouri City	PREVOT, KRISTI NICOLE	Missouri City
DAVIS, ASHLEY K.	Cedar Hill	QUICKLEY II, WILLIAM ALLEN	Belton
DONLEY, CORY RUSSELL	Lubbock	ROWDEN, JIVENCHI' NICOLE	DeSoto
HILTS, ASHLEY YVETTE	Beaumont	SIDERS, DONTAE SCOTT	Los Angeles, CA
JEFFERSON, JAYNA D.	Houston	SNEED, AMBER DANYELLE	Cedar Hill
LARY, AIMEE ELIZABETH	DeSoto	TRAYLOR, ASHLEY K.	Houston
LOTT, GLORIA JEAN	Houston	WHITE, EBONY PATRELL	Wharton
MOSLEY, BIANCA NA'SHEA	Houston	WILLIAMS, OMAR JULIUS	San Antonio

Drama Curriculum

ANDERSON, ROMAYNE L.	Houston	HENDERSON, CORLIS DE'LAUREN	Stafford
BROWN, KENDRICK JEROD	Missouri City	JORDAN, ELEISHA KRISHAUN	Sommerville
CID, DAVID	Weslaco	LEE, ASHLEY MICHELL	Missouri City
GARVEY, FLORENCE ELIZABETH	Missouri City	LITTLES, ASHLEY D.	Spring

English Curriculum

CLARK, RAQUEL R.	Houston	GANT, JEREMY DRUARNESS	Missouri City
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History Curriculum

BEAUCHAMP, BRONSON A.	Houston	BOLEY JR., CARL DOUGLAS	Monroe, LA
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Music Curriculum

ALLEN-BLACKMON, TRACY	Houston
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Political Science Curriculum

HENTZ JR., JAMES W.	Prairie View	SIMPSON, EBONY YVETTE	Houston
JAMES, ANDRAE DESHON	Wichita, KS	VEIRS II, DANIEL PAUL	Houston
NORWOOD, BETHANY L.	Converse	WILLIAMS IV, HENRY	Hurst
POWELL, LATOYA N.	DeSoto	WOODING, JACKELYN NIKOLE	Cibolo
REEVES, DEBRA M.	Tomball		

Sociology Curriculum

BRADFORD, MARGIE MANUEL	Prairie View	PORTER, KELLY K.	Houston
JOHNSON, EBONY Q.	Hempstead	STUBBLEFIELD, MABISHA R.	Hempstead
MANOR, DAMITRA DESHAY	Pflugerville	THOMAS, KUMINA JENEL	Hempstead
OWUOR, NAOMI DAWN	Cypress	WILLIAMS JR., NICHOLAS HAKI	San Antonio

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

BROOKS, KIMBERLY YVETTE	Houston	GLOVER, LAZENA LASHAN	Hempstead
CAVIN, DELILAH JEAN	Sommerville	RYDOLPH, MYSHELETTE LANESE	Houston
CONNER JR., WILLIAM MACK	Harker Heights	STORY, BENJAMIN LEE	Conroe
DARNELL, LASHUNDRA MONIQUE	Dallas	TURNER, RAYA LANAE	Apple Valley, MN

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.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Applied Music-Voice Curriculum

EAGLETON, ANDRE' DOMONIC

Crosby

Applied Music-Percussion Curriculum

LAWHORN, LAMON BENNETT

Fort Worth

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biology Curriculum

ANDERSON, DORIAN M.

Conroe

NICHOLS, CASSANDRA L.

Houston

BURDINE, NATALIA LYNN

Coweta

OVIawe, UYIOSA

Houston

BURNLEY, CHLOE A.

Universal City

PARKER, NASHA' MONIQUE

Prairie View

DILLARD, ASHLEY D.

San Antonio

PATTON, MARCUS JERMAINE

Ratcliff

EDWARDS, JOHNECA ROCHELLE

Houston

POWELL, HEATHER RENEE'

Tomball

FLETCHER, CHRISTINE L.

Houston

RIDGEWAY, ALEESHA M.

Marshall

GRIFFITH, MEGAN

Houston

ROSENTHAL-EAMES, MINA L.

Houston

HEBERT II, GEORGE WOODSON

Houston

SEMIEN, COURTNEY P.

Beaumont

HINES, JUANITA J.

Houston

SHAW, ASHLEY NICHOLE

DeSoto

IYAMU, MICHAEL A.

Sugarland

SMALL, JESSICA ONEAL

Cypress

JORDAN, LATRICE SHANEE

Norwalk, CT

STANLEY, JAMIE RYLON

Galveston

LEDAY, JULIA CRYSTAL

Hempstead

TAYLOR, BRANDEN DONELL

Prairie View

MAGAYA, LAINA PIWAYI

Argyle

TURNER, WENDELENE NICOLE

Corpus Christi

MEEKS, RORISER Y.

Houston

WEBSTER, JERMARCUS JAEVONE

Waco

MEKA, NNEKA O.

Houston

WILLIS, JOSEPH ROBERT

Houston

MILTON, NICOLE R.

Houston

WYATT, MELANIE R.

Houston

MORRISON, CORTNEE DAWNYEL

Houston

Mathematics Curriculum

BOOKER JR., MARK ANTHONY

Roulett

MATHIS, RACHELLE MARIE

Crosby

CORLEY, MELISSA BAZAN

Hempstead

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting Curriculum

ADAMS, BRITIANY MICHELLE

Bryan

KEMP, AMANDA MARIE

Prairie View

AWOBAJO, OLUBUKOLA O.

Katy

MANUEL, LAKEISHA MARIE

Brookshire

BEECHUM, KELITA R.

Missouri City

MAXIE JR., KENNETH O.

Hempstead

COLLAZO, JOSE ANGEL

Houston

MOORE, VALENCIA MARIA

Greenville

COPELAND, ANTOINE BRANDON

Houston

ROSS, ROSLYN M.

Houston

DAVIS, JAMES D.

Hempstead

SHAW, DAVID LINDSAY

Chicago

GILBERT, CANDACE ROCHELLE

Sugarland

SHIELDS, SHAKELA NICOLE

Mesquite

HILL, CARRISS J.

Houston

SHILLINGFORD, ALTON L.

Houston

HOWARD, NIANDREA

Hempstead

WEST, ANDREA N.

Beaumont

JOHNSON, DOMINIQUE E.

Fort Worth

WILLIAMS, JOSHUA ARLEIGH

Houston

Finance Curriculum

DYKES, LAKEISHA SHREE

Houston

MIMS, ANTOINETTE NICOLE

Cibolo

GIBSON, PHILIP SHAUN

Houston

RICHARDSON, LAKENDRA G.

Houston

HARRIS, STANLEY P.

Cypress

SMALL, TIFFANY ROCHELLE

Houston

LYONS, CHAD C.

Austin

THOMPSON, SHANTELE YVETTE

Converse

Management Curriculum

ADAMS, TEMANI MECHELLE	Prairie View	LIVING, EUSHEIA AKEEM	Humble
ALEXANDER, BRANDI JOAN	Houston	ORR JR., WARREN ALPHONSO	San Antonio
ANDERSON-DOUGLAS, PAUL L.	Round Rock	PARKER, SHONTAE RENEE	Houston
BARRETT JR., KENNETH P.	Houston	PEACE, BRITTANI DENISE	Dallas
BRIGHAM, CRYSTAL S.	Houston	PRICE, ANGEL D.	Warren, MI
BROWN, BRITTANY C.	Mesquite	ROLLING, ORLAN DE'SHAUN	Huntsville
BUSH, DANIELLE N.	Moreno Valley, CA	SMITH, JEFFREY L.	Bellville
CARTER, TITUS C.	DeSoto	SMITH, KEZNICK LABRAUWN	College Station
ERVING, BRETT J.	Duncanville	TATES, KRYSTAL MONIQUE	Houston
HAWKINS, AZURE TENAY	Austin	WOODS, DORIAN S.	Katy
JOHNSON, CANDICE JANINE	Cypress		

Management Information Systems Curriculum

BENSON, PAVIFLLE LASHUN	Dallas	QUEENAN, KERMIT THANES	Irving
CELESTINE, SEAN PATRICK	El Campo	RAY-ROBERSON, ELITA JEAN	Brenham
COLVIN, JOHNATHAN R.	Houston	ROBINSON, PATRICK SHANEAL	Kaufman
GLENN, JOHN G.	Houston	ROGERS, BRYCE A.	Richmond
GRIFFIN, SHARITA NICOL	Houston	SCHNEIDER, DEBORA K.	Sealy
HEARNE, CRYSTAL MONIQUE	Houston	THOMPSON, KENDALL EUGENE	Austin
MASSINGTON, MEOSHI N.	Lindale	WHITE, JASON R.	Houston
NORMAN, ALASHA T.	Houston	YOUNG, LORINA RICKETT	Houston
PARKER, TAMIA M.	Houston		

Marketing Curriculum

BARLEY, TYREE M.	Houston	RILEY II, BRUCE WALLACE	Harker Heights
BROWN, RALONDR ANTIONETTE	Houston	ROGERS, SAMYRA ADELE	Houston
JACOBS, ALBERT L.	Port Arthur	SANTOS, AUDREY A.	Houston
LEWIS, MILCAH RENNEE	Kansas City, KS	SESSIONS, SHIRONA DANIELLE	Fort Worth
MAYS, MARCUS D.	Duncanville	WHITE, EDDIE R.	Prairie View

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Health Curriculum

BASS, APRIL E.	Houston	HENDERSON JR., ERIC V.	Beaumont
BOUDREAUX, KIMBERLY R.	Houston	HIGGINS, VALENCIA NICOLE	Kailua, HI
BUTLER, KARLANDA CHERELLE	The Colony	JOHNSON, DANNA JANELLE	Texas City
CLARK, KABRINA S.	Port Arthur	LANE, SANTANA D.	Houston
DICKERSON, LATICIA C.	Houston	NEITA, MATTHEW O.	Hempstead
EDWARDS, DRECHELLE ELON	Houston	TWEEDIE, AMANDA G.	Cypress
ESCHBERGER, JON AUGUST	Waller	VAKASASAU, LITIANA LEILANI	Waller
GILBERT, TAKEILA FERSHUN	Sugarland	WEAVER, KINAYE' JADE	Wharton

Human Performance Curriculum

ALLEN, DEVONTE' RONTROY	Houston	HARRISON, WILLIAM CODY	Waller
ASH, ROSALINE TRANICE'	Lufkin	MILLER, MICHAEL	Houston
COOPER, KEVIN P.	Baytown	MOORE JR., JIMMY LEROY	Humble
GARCIA JR., HECTOR	Waller	WOODARD II, LONNIE RAY	Hempstead

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

ALLEN, KAMILLE N.	Garland	DOGGETT, TIKARIA MONIQUE	Houston
BROOKS, LORI R.	Port Arthur	EDWARDS, DAHL DANITA	Houston
BROWN, KIAMESHEA MICHELLE	Corsicana	FLOWERS, NATASHA ANN	Houston
COASTON, DELORA A.	Cypress	GLASS, ASHLEY NICOLE	Cedar Hill

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

ADEJUMO, ADEBOWALE OLUFEMI	Cypress	MEYBERG, SERGIO FELIPE	Katy
AYUK, ERIC E.	Houston	PACE, STEPHEN DANIEL	Lenexa, KS
BACHUS, REGINALD LEE	Kansas City, KS	RAY, DEAUNDRE RAYNOLD	Fort Worth
BELLINA, ALBERTO A.	Houston	RICHARDSON, BENJAMIN MAURICE	Kansas City, KS
BROWN, LINDSEY D.	Beaumont	ROBEY, MARC EDWARD.	Pearland
COBB, MICHELLE	Detroit, MI	SCHWENT, DENNIS JOHN	LaMarque
GOCHA', EBONEE SHARON	Lancaster	SIDDIQUI, MOHAMMAD OMAR	Houston
JACKSON, ERICK JERMAINE	Fort Worth	TAYLOR, WILLIAM GRANVILLE	Plano
JOHNSON, KESHLA SHANETTE	Spring	WHETSTONE, MCDONALD LEE	Missouri City
LAWSON, NATHANIEL DERAY	Texarkana, AR	WILSON, JEFFREY A.	Houston
MALONE, BRANDI NICOLE	Houston	YARBOUGH, JASON KYLE	Dallas
MANGRAM, MYKELA RAE	Waller	YOUNG III, NATHANIEL	Pflugerville

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

BOLDING, LANDERRICK EARL	Houston	KIRKLAND, ROBIN C.	Hockley
BROOKS, ANGELITA D.	Houston	MICHELIN, IAN ALFRED	Kingston, Jamaica
COVINGTON, TIFFANY DANIELLE	Houston	OROZCO, MAGDALENO	Houston
DURLEY, CEDRIC D.	Marion	PRELOW, BYRON DOUGLAS	Dallas
FONTENOT, ERIN BRIGEA'	Beaumont	SANDS, MARLON J.	Missouri City
FONTENOT, JEREMY BRIAN	Beaumont	SMITH, BENJAMIN ALPHONSO	Houston
HUNT, SHAUNDRETTA ARTICIA	Houston	STEPHENSON, CHADRICK MONTREA'	Texarkana
JOHNSON, DARRELL WAYNE	Mansfield	TAYLOR, MELISSA RENEE'	Houston
JOHNSON III, LOVEVILL	Houston	WEBB, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	Texarkana

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

BATRES, MARVIN G.	Katy	JOHNSON, ANTHONY W.	Houston
CHAVEZ, ERNESTO	Houston	MEYBERG, SERGIO FELIPE	Katy
EZEKA, CHINEDU E.	Houston	ROBOTHAM, NIKOLAI A.	Spanish Town, Jamaica
EZENTO, TOCHUKWU U.	Rosharon	WINFIELD III, JAMES	Waller

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

BUTLER, KARLANDA C.
EDWARDS, JOHNECA R.
LAWSON, NATHANIEL D.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90 – 4.00

SCHNEIDER, DEBORA K.
WONG, FEI-WON

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

ALLEN, KAMILLE N.
AWOBAJO, OLUBUKOLA O.
BRIGGS, KALANI N.
COBB, MICHELLE
DILLARD, ASHLEY D.
DOGGETT, TIKARIA
ENRIQUEZ, MICHAEL P.
FARQUHARSON, OMROY L.
FRENCH, FORREST F.
GARVEY, FLORENCE E.
GIBSON, PHILLIP S.
HATFIELD, JOSHUA L.
HODGE, BENITA E.
JORDAN, ELEISHA K.
LONG, ADAM H.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70 – 3.89

LONG, MONIQUE K.
MEYBERG, SERGIO F.
OWUOR, NAOMI D.
PACE, STEPHEN D.
PERRON, LIONEL J.
RICHARDSON, BENJAMIN M.
ROSENTHAL-EAMES, MINA L.
SHIFFERLY, KYLE J.
SIDDIQUI, MOHAMMAD O.
STORY, BENJAMIN L.
STUBBLEFIELD, MABISHA R.
TAYLOR, BRANDEN D.
TAYLOR, WILLIAM G.
WILLIS, JOSEPH R.

CUM LAUDE

ANDERSON, DORIAN M.
AYUK, ERIC E.
BROWN, KENDRICK J.
BUSTAMANTE, NEIL J.
CONNER JR., WILLIAM M.
CRUMES, KELCY N.
GARCIA JR., HECTOR
GOUCHA, EBONEE S.
IYAMU, MICHAEL A.
JACKSON, TERRAL V.
JOHNSON, JENIFER N.
JORDAN, LATRICE S.
LAWHORN, LAMON B.
LEONARD, CANDACE D.
MCDONALD, DAVID M.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 – 3.69

NAPIER, LATESHYA L.
PARKER, TAMIA M.
REEVES, DEBRA M.
RILEY II, BRUCE W.
RUNNELS, TROYMALA J.
RUSSELL, ALESHA S.
SHAW, DAVID L.
SHAW, LAKANDICE D.
SMALL, JESSICA O.
SMITH, KRISTINA M.
THOMPSON, KENDALL E.
URIAS, HARMONY C.
VEGA, VALERIE Y.
VEIRS, DANIEL P.
WALKER, LAKESHA S.
WINFIELD III, JAMES

† The golden-colored cord represents undergraduate candidates graduating with academic honors.

COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

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Air Defense Artillery, Active Duty, Wichita, KS
MOSES, MAYKO, Second Lieutenant
Army Nurse Corp, Active Duty, Killeen, TX
QUICKLEY, WILLIAM, Second Lieutenant
Quartermaster Corps, Active Duty, Belton, TX

RIEDEL, ROBERT, Second Lieutenant
Corps of Engineers, Reserve Forces Duty, Houston, TX
THOMAS, MARCUS, Second Lieutenant
Corps of Engineers, Reserve Forces Duty, Waco, TX

COMMISSIONS IN THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEJUMO, ADEBOWALE O., Second Lieutenant
United States Marine Corps, The Basic School, Quantico, VA.
BOLDING, LANDERRICK E., Ensign
United States Navy Active Duty, USS Kidd(DDG), Pascagoula, MS.
FRENCH, FORREST F., Ensign
United States Navy Active Duty, Naval Aviation Flight Training, Pensacola, FL
SMITH JR., WILLIAM J., Ensign
United States Navy Active Duty, Naval Aviation Flight Training, Pensacola, FL

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 Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Engineering	Orange	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Fine Arts	Brown	Science	Golden Yellow
Forestry	Russett	Social Work	Citron
Geography	Blue and Green	Technology	Golden Yellow
Home Economics	Maroon	Theology	Scarlet
Journalism	Crimson	Veterinary Science	Gray
Industrial Education	Light Blue		
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 eight tassels represent the academic organization of the University.

THE MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, the official symbol of the Office of the President at Prairie View A&M University, was created especially to commemorate the lineage of the Presidency by the late Mr. Frank Hayden, nationally famous sculptor and Professor of Fine Arts at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The first medallion was presented to Dr. Percy A. Pierre, fourth president of Prairie View A&M University, on March 21, 1985. The medallion is designed to be worn with academic regalia at all official University programs. Abstract figures, representing the academic disciplines in an attitude of celebration, encircle the outer rim. The inner circle symbolizes the pursuit of excellence throughout four years of teaching and learning. The weave of the chain is the facsimile of that used by the ancient Greeks. A replica will be presented to each subsequent President during his inauguration. The medallion will ultimately reflect the history of the presidency, revealing names and dates of inauguration.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY HUMANITARIAN AWARD

In recognition that service is the highest ideal to which one can aspire and consistent with the centuries old tradition in universities of recognizing outstanding service, Prairie View A&M University established the Humanitarian Awards Program. Designed to recognize and honor those who have made and are continuing to make outstanding contributions to the University, the State of Texas, and the Nation, the award is made annually for service to others as distinguished from scholarship, athletic achievement, business acumen, professional achievement, political leadership or other worldly recognitions. The student and non-student recipients will be the University's measure of excellence in character and service to humanity.

Lieutenant General (Ret.) Marvin Delano Brailsford

Marvin D. Brailsford was born in Burkeville, Texas on January 31, 1939. He graduated cum laude and as a distinguished military graduate from Prairie View A&M University with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1959. He later went on to receive a master's degree in bacteriology from Iowa State University. His educational pursuits also include completion of the Executive Program at the Graduate School of Business, University of California at Berkeley; graduate of the Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, the Army War College, the US Army Command and General Staff College, the Chemical School Advance Course and the Armor Officer Basic Course.

General Brailsford culminated his 33 years of military service as the deputy commanding general of the United States Army Materiel Command in 1992. During his Army career he held several key positions including, commanding general of the US Army Armament, Munitions, and Chemical Command, the 59th Ordnance Brigade, the 60th Ordnance Group, 101st Ordnance Battalion and other staff assignments in Vietnam, Germany and the United States.

After his retirement from the Army, he was president of Metters Industries. He formed his own company, the Brailsford Group Inc., in 1996. He is also a retired Vice President of Kaiser-Hill Company. General Brailsford is currently a director of Conn's Inc., Illinois Tool Works Inc., and the Southeast Texas Community Development Corp.

General Brailsford is a recipient of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

He is married to alumna, June Samuel Brailsford. They have three children and two grandchildren.

2006 Humanitarian Award Non-Student

Wesley D. Ratcliff

Wesley D. Ratcliff, graduated from Prairie View A&M University with majors in mathematics and physics. He is being recognized for his advocacy for disabled men and women, community leadership and land conservation. Mr. Ratcliff served as an Army Officer in the Vietnam War and has traveled extensively around the world. In each community where he resides, Ratcliff quickly asserts himself as a concerned citizen and positions himself in key leadership roles. He has provided employment opportunities for many displaced workers, established scholarship funds for high school students and created valuable business opportunities for many individuals and organizations.

Ratcliff's community leadership reached a zenith in 1991 when he was elected to the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service Board of Directors. Before leaving IBM, he established the Brooklyn Bureau "Work Station in Industry Program," which led to the further training and employment of many disabled men and women. Here he served as the first Chairman of the Business Advisory Council (BAC). The BAC is a separate entity that enables business professionals in the New York metropolitan area to participate in the Bureau's programs for disabled adults.

For more than a decade, Ratcliff worked as an executive with the International Business Machines Corporation's (IBM) Brooklyn operations plant in New York City. While in New York City, he earned a reputation throughout the Brooklyn Bureau as a businessman with a tremendous social conscience. When IBM closed its plant in Bedford Stuyvesant in 1993, Ratcliff led a team of IBM employees who purchased the plant, that at that time provided jobs for the struggling community. Once purchased, the plant was renamed Advanced Technological Solutions (ATS). Ratcliff is the Founder and CEO of ATS, which is now located in Dallas, Texas.

Working with nature and raising cattle are his true loves. Upon his family's return to Texas from New York, he purchased a 1,000 acre ranch in Freestone County. Immediately, he began working with the local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office to develop a conservation plan for his property. Since returning to Texas, he has also served as the 2004-05 Chairman of the Board for the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (DBCC). His diligent work in leading the DBCC enabled the Chamber to host the city's first "Black Expo" and the Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference. In 2005, The Texas Chapter of the National Organization of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees (NOPBNRCSE) honored him with the "Distinguished Service Award", which recognizes individuals who exhibit exceptional leadership in the conservation of soil, water and related resources. He has been known to host tours on his ranch for young men and women to demonstrate the importance of agriculture in society. To assist the local county fair, Mr. Ratcliff has donated heifer calves to his local 4-H Club over a period of two years.

Currently, Mr. Ratcliff lives on Caney Creek Ranch in Oakland, Texas with his wife Marie. Together, they have three children, Dwayne, Reuben and Kimberly.

2006 Humanitarian Award Student

Cory Brett Neblett

Cory Brett Neblett's reputation on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is grounded in an unshakeable foundation of leadership and service. He is a product of the Houston Independent School District and a proud graduate of the High School of the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA). Neblett completed his undergraduate studies in political science with a minor in sociology from PVAMU and is currently pursuing a master's degree in community development. Professors and administrators of PVAMU hold him in high regard for his trailblazing efforts to improve the political and academic prowess of students at the University.

As a man of both integrity and fortitude, Neblett has committed his time and energy to impacting both the University and its surrounding communities. While an undergraduate student, Neblett was an active leader and student role model. In recognition of his interest in politics and economics, he served as president of both the Political Science Club and the Phi Nu Chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society. As president of these organizations he collaborated with other university organizations to provide voter registration drives and increase voter education. He also helped sponsor an ongoing Political Science Lecture Series that featured members of the Texas Legislature and local elected officials. These programs were designed to create a forum where political issues relevant to the Prairie View community could be discussed with an anticipated outcome of educating and engaging more students in the political process. Exhibiting true Panther pride, he also worked as a site manager for the "Gertrude Tapscott City Park" community wide clean-up during the Panthers At Work (PAW) service-learning project.

In the spring of 2004, Neblett became a member of the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association, Inc. and completed course work at the Texas Engineering Extension Service agency. His pioneering spirit was exhibited in 2005 when he became a founding member of the Pi Phi Delta Fraternity, Inc. This fraternity was established to enhance public safety and security in the community. Neblett is also an active member of the City of Prairie View Emergency Management Response & Mitigation Team. His valuable work with this team gave him the opportunity to assist with the emergency evacuation of the campus and community during the Gulf Coast hurricane in the fall of 2005. With a goal to involve youth, parents and students of the PVAMU community, Neblett reorganized the Prairie View Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America. To further employ his leadership and organizational skills, he also served as Secretary for the Comm-University Advisory Council, which acts as a vehicle for collaborative economic development for the University and the City of Prairie View.

Currently, he serves as the Governmental Relations Graduate Assistant in the Office of Institutional Relations and Public Service, where he continues to rise above the normal demands of an eight to five job and pours his heart and soul into supporting the University's local, state and national legislative initiatives, while continuing to advocate greater student participation.



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 28, 2006

A Message from the Governor to:

***Prairie View A&M University
Spring Commencement Convocation***

As Governor, it is my great honor to extend well wishes to all attending Prairie View A&M University's Spring Commencement Convocation.

And, I am especially honored to commend this evening's graduates.

Graduates, today a new journey begins and a future of boundless possibilities lies ahead. This ceremony is a landmark occasion on your way to the opportunities of tomorrow.

Texas is on the move — our potential is boundless; our opportunities are limitless.

I know you will make tremendous strides. Remember always that your success is Texas' success. I have no doubt that you will continue to excel.

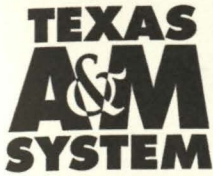
Anita joins me in sending our best wishes for the future.



Sincerely,

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
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May 13, 2006

Dear Graduates:

I am pleased to extend my heartiest congratulations to you on this memorable day. This event marks the completion of a rigorous endeavor that required dedication and commitment. Along with your family, friends, and the faculty of Prairie View A&M University, I am very proud of you and your accomplishments.

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.

Again, I congratulate you upon your graduation and extend my best wishes for your future.

Sincerely,

Robert D. McTeer
Chancellor



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To Our Treasured Graduates,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of your National Alumni Association, and the global body of Prairie View Alumni, I wish to wholeheartedly congratulate you on a successful journey of academic achievement. Time and experience will authenticate the true worth of the extraordinary experiences you have just completed.

During your journey on the "Hill," I'm sure there were many highs and lows along the way. Even challenges you may have considered unfair at the time. However, your presence here today stands as living testament that you have stood the test of time. You have shown the grit to succeed. Though there will be obstacles ahead of you, and many unfair, your disciplines have been honed to meet the challenges.

Those of us who have come before you stand as living examples that Prairie View A&M University equips its graduates with the necessary qualities and character to compete on any level. Our rich heritage teaches us that the "will" to succeed embodies much that is needed to succeed. That your attitude will surely determine your altitude, to establish a link with your University Alumni organization is an essential element in your economic and professional market place growth.

On this day, you move from "student" to "alumnus" and your official acceptance of your degree designates you as a stakeholder in Prairie View A&M University, the Institution. STAND TALL. You, along with all other Prairie View graduates are the only people who can declare ownership in the institution. CLAIM IT. Our future is interdependent on each and every one of us. PROTECT IT. Get involved, join a chapter and support the institution through your alumni organization. Our collective effort is essential to our strength and provides the greatest protective cover we can ever hope to sustain.

Again, congratulations on your achievements and I look forward to our future mutual interactions. Hope to see you at the National Convention, July 13-16, 2006, Hilton NASA Clear Lake Hotel, Houston, Texas.

Sincerely,

Clem Daniels
National President

Alma Mater

“Dear Prairie View”

Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise,
In gratitude we sing our Hymn of praise,
For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections,
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee.
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion,
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

As days go by, our hearts will not grow cold,
We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold,
We'll through our lives exemplify thy teachings,
We'll always strive a blessing to be.
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. Anderson Fuller
Music from “Finlandia” by *Sibelius*

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