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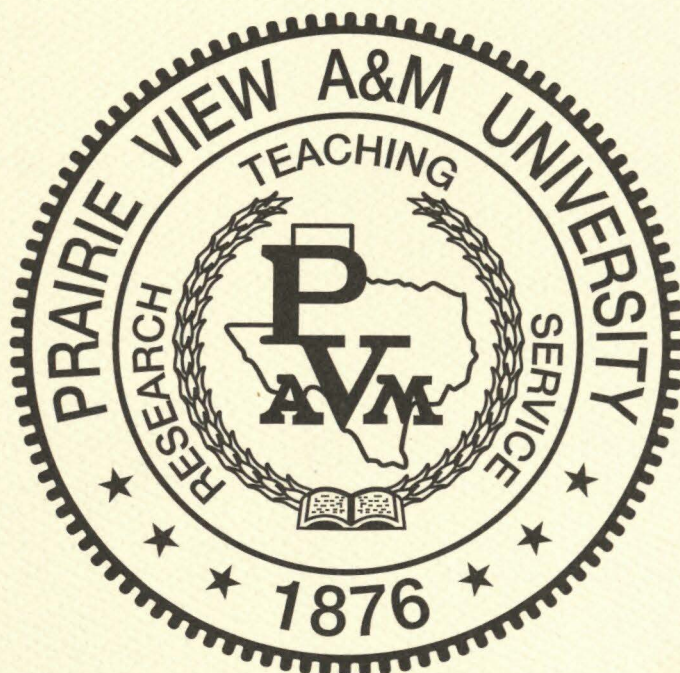
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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD YEAR

# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Prairie View, Texas



## *Commencement Convocation*

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH SPRING COMMENCEMENT

WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS, SR. BUILDING

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY SIXTEENTH

TWO THOUSAND NINE

NINE O'CLOCK

# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

*Presiding:* DR. GEORGE C. WRIGHT  
President, Prairie View A&M University

ORGAN PRELUDE.....DR. JOHN L. CORNELIUS  
Assistant Professor, Music

THE CONVOCAION PROCESSION  
COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCESSION .....DR. E. JOAHANNE THOMAS-SMITH  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic 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 Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Business

Candidates for Degrees in the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education

Candidates for Degrees in the Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

President's Party

INVOCATION..... REVEREND CHARLES H. LEWTER, IV  
Dean, Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel

NATIONAL ANTHEM..... *Frances Scott Key*

OPENING REMARKS ..... PRESIDENT GEORGE C. WRIGHT

GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM .....MR. GUY DIEDRICH  
Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations and Commercialization  
The Texas A&M University System

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....MR. BILL JONES  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR.....MR. BILL JONES

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....THE HONORABLE RICK PERRY  
Governor, State of Texas

MUSIC: "Witness" ..... *arr. Jack Halloran*

The University Concert Chorale  
MRS. A. JAN TAYLOR, Director

PRESENTATION OF THE DEANS OF THE  
UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS .....DR. E. JOAHANNE THOMAS-SMITH

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THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ..... DEAN MUNIR QUDDUS, PH.D.

THE WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION .....DEAN LUCIAN YATES, III, PH.D.

THE ROY G. PERRY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING.....DEAN KENDALL T. HARRIS, 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 DEGREES<sup>1</sup>

## MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

#### *Communications Curriculum*

ALLEN, CYNITHIA BRUCHAE'	Houston	HUDLUN, SHANNON DIONTAE	Glenn Heights
ATKINS, ASHELI S.	Richmond	JONES, RIANTE MORGAN	Clinton, MD
BERRY, STEVEN J.	Silsbee	KNIGHT, CHRISTOPHER ERIC	Houston
BROWN, JESSICA MONIQUE	Arlington	MCGEE, DONNIE R.	Houston
CANADY, ASHLEE J.	Bakersfield, CA	MITCHELL, LEAH RENESE	Houston
CARNEY, TORI D.	Cypress	MONROE, JONATHAN L.	Houston
CLARK, RYAN D.	Houston	MORRIS, NICOLE CHAROLETTE	Houston
CULMER, CANDACE MICHELE	Houston	NELSON, MATTHEW ALEXANDER	Prairie View
DECKARD, SHUNTE M.	Houston	NOLAN-CAMPBELL, WHITNEY Y.	Prairie View
FOSTER, BRIANA SHARDE'	Hempstead	RAMIREZ, RAQUEL ELYSIA	Houston
GAY, JUSTIN BARRINGTON	Katy	RASMUS, THELMA JASMINE	Houston
GORDON, REGINA ANTOINETTE	Prairie View	STEPHENSON, KRISTIN AMERA	Irving
GRAY, KRYSTA CHARIESE	Hempstead	WARREN, CASSANDRA VENITA	Carson, CA
HILL, GARY ANDRAE	Cypress	WILSON, SHANDA NICOLE	Fort Worth
HOLLINESS, ALEXANDER LEE	Prairie View		

#### *Drama Curriculum*

BLACKMON, WARREN ALAN	Prairie View	CHOYCE, SHAROD D.	Cedar Hill
BRENT, DERRICK J.	Waller	MORALES, ALFREDO O.	Prairie View
BURTON, EBONY KE'LE	Prairie View		

#### *English Curriculum*

ALLEN, JERRELL L.	Sulphur Springs	PHILLIPS, DERRY ANDRE	Houston
BRYANT, TIFFANY RAYSHUN	Hempstead	STEVENS, LATOYA SHANTEL	Hempstead
MCMILLAN, JONATHAN DAVID	Houston	WOODS, SHANNON C.	Katy
MUNOZ, CLAUDIA E.	Cypress		

#### *History Curriculum*

GOODWIN, MEGAN LA'SHAWN	Bethany, OK	PERRY, SHENERIA JOY	Houston
JACKSON, BRANDON DIMITRI	Tyler	SMITH, TIMOTHY C.	Lancaster
PARKER, JASMINE DANIELLE'	Dallas		

#### *Music Curriculum*

ROSE, DARIO V.	Fort Worth
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#### *Political Science Curriculum*

BARNES, ANTONIO C.	Prairie View	FARR, J. ZAKIYA	Perris, CA
CAROTHERS, SHARETTA L.	Austin	LUCAS, RATTCHER F.	Hempstead
COLBY, JOSHUA TERRELL	Garland	SWIFT, REGINALD DEON	Liberty
COOKSEY, CHARLI A.	St. Louis, MO	WILLIAMS, JONATHAN CHRISTOPHER	College Station

#### *Sociology Curriculum*

BERRY, ANDREA YVONNE	Houston	RAGSTON, FRANCINE MARIE	Hempstead
DAWSON IV, JOHNNIE S.	Prairie View		

#### *Spanish Curriculum*

BEAN, DANIELLE MARIE	Prairie View
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### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

MOORE, LINDSEY ANN	Bryan	SMITH, JANISHA MARONICA	Houston
ROBINSON, ZAVA VENICE	College Station		

<sup>1</sup>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

SVEC, ELIZABETH ANNE

Sealy

## Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

### Biology Curriculum

AFRIYIE, AKWASI W.	Hempstead	HAGGERTY, BRUCE	Dallas
ALEXANDER, YOSHARA GLENNISE	Port Arthur	HARRIS, CHRISTIANA M.	Dallas
ALMAGUER, FERNANDO	Houston	JOHNSON, NELLINE DELECIA	Prairie View
AUGUSTINE, LAJERALD DONTE	Houston	JOHNSON, SHAVON SHERIKA	Houston
BABINEAUX, ARICA NOEL	Houston	MURRAY, CARLOS WILLIAM	Prairie View
BATTS, VORICE MINYON	Houston	OLIVER, FABIAN CARDELL	Texas City
BEVEL, MALCOLM SETH	Waterloo, IA	PARKS, ERICA MICHELLE	Wichita, KS
BRACY, RANELLE MONTERRY	Prairie View	ROBERTS, MABUNATU	Houston
BRIERS, JAMES NOELL	San Antonio	SAMPSON, SHARLYN DARNETTE	Houston
BROWN, KANDIS WICHELE	Eden Prairie, MN	SMITH, STEVE R.	Paris
BROWN, TASSINE KAYAVA	Prairie View	STEWART, KAREN LYNN	Prairie View
EVANS, KAYLA LASHUN	Dallas	TERRELL, BRITTANY MARIE	Prairie View
FOSTER, JACQUELINE CHRISTINE	Port Arthur	VERNON, MARTIENNE D.	Prairie View
GROVER, KANDRA SHONIQUE	Houston	WATSON, JERECIA ESTELL	Needville
GYEBI, GRACE	Missouri City	WILLIAMS, LINDSEY ARTIS	Waxahachie

### Chemistry Curriculum

BARNES, LEE C.	Katy	OJONG, CONRAD O.	College Station
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### Mathematics Curriculum

BROWN, MARCIA ANTIONETTE	Prairie View	SIMON, AMY B.	Waller
KNIGHT, RYAN RASHARD	Texarkana		

### Physics Curriculum

ALVARO, JESSICA RUTH	Houston
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## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

#### Accounting Curriculum

CHRISTOPHER, KRIS LASHAWN	Houston	MAXIE, KENNETH O.	Round Rock
GRANGER, GHAICYLL ANAIS	Beaumont	NELSON, ERICA RENEE'	De Kalb
JENKINS, KATONYA A.	Hempstead	RICHARD, CLIFFORD ERIC	Brookshire
LAURA, KATRINA V.	Missouri City	SNEED, CRYSTAL CORINE	Houston
LONDON, EBONYE LASHELL	Lancaster	THOMPSON, JOHN A.	Austin
MANOR, VINCENT DALE ARTHUR	Hempstead	TYSON, KEIVA M.	Hempstead
MANUEL, VIKTORIA NICOLE	Houston	UDECHUKWU, ADAUN CHALISE	Prairie View
MARSHALL, KALEENA ELIZABETH	Freeport		

#### Finance Curriculum

CARLSON, HEATHER	Fulshear	SMITH, SHAYLA L.	Killeen
CURRIE II, STEVEN ALAN	Katy	THOMPSON, GARLAND S.	Houston
HALL, DONIVAN EARL	Houston	VILLALPANDO, JOHN	Houston
OWENS, SHARRARD D.	Waller	WILLIAMS, LAUREN ANDREA	San Antonio

#### Management Curriculum

ANDERSON, JREMEKYO L.	Prairie View	LEWIS, ANDRE RASHAD	Cedar Hill
BARNES, ANTHONY MICHAEL	Eules	LEWIS, JERMAIN ADHMAD	Beaumont
BERRY, STEWART SCOTT	Silsbee	LOTT, JARED SHEA	Pearland
CLARK, JENNIFER ELAINE	Carrollton	ROBINSON, MARTINE DAWNICE	Dallas
DISE, MARCUS R.	Dallas	SOILEAU, JEREMY JAMAR	Houston
EPPS, REGINALD A.	Marshall	SOLOMON, BRANDON DURELL	East Bernard
GORDON, ERICA CHRISTINE	Missouri City	UDECHUKWU, ADAUN CHALISE	Prairie View
HOLLOWAY, AARON THOMAS	Prairie View	WHITE, CHEREE MICHELLE	Portland, OR
JONES, LATOYA M.	Hempstead	WILLIS-TURNER, DIANE	Hempstead

## *Management Information Systems Curriculum*

COWHERD JR., TERRENCE E.	Hempstead	MINER, PHYLCIA MARIE	Killeen
COX, KATRINA RENEE	Dallas	PRIDE, CLYDE PATRICK	Humble
FLETCHER, SONIA RENEE'	Dallas	SIMMONS, BYRON EARL	Houston
ILBOUDO, MARTIN	Houston	WILLIAMS, SHAMEIKA DENEEN	Dallas
MARTIN, NIKISHA C.	Dallas		

## *Marketing Curriculum*

ADAMS, DAVID ANTHONY	Missouri City	LANGSTON, AUBREY N.	Hockley
BURKES, AMBER A.	Carrollton	MADDOX, CLEMON	Grand Prairie
CAGE, MISTIQUE S.	Houston	MCGHEE JR., BYRON SOLOVEN	Hempstead
COLLINS, AMANDA L.	Cypress	MIMS, TIFFANIE DANEE'	Plano
DALE, WHITNEY SIMONE	Houston	RAMTICE, ASHLEY C.	Houston
GARZA, MARIO EFRAIN	Katy	RAMIREZ, MARIA GUADALUPE	Hempstead
HENDERSON, BERNARD JEROME	Prairie View	SKINNER, MICHAEL A.	Prairie View
HOLT, JERRY RASHAD	Houston	WILLIAMS, BRITTNEY KRISTINA	Prairie View
JACKSON, DUSTIN L.	Huffman	WILLIAMS, SHELIA M.	Houston

## WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

#### *Health Curriculum*

ASHFORD, ELIZABETH C.	Mesquite	MALLETT, KRISTLE R.	New Caney
BREEDLOVE, TORI AMBRA	Mesquite	MORROW, URIAH KADESH	Prairie View
HARVEY, MARLA LYNNETTE	Fresno	PERRY, DARNELL P.	San Francisco, CA
HEBERT, AARON E.	Houston	RUSSELL, EBONY A.	Hempstead
HOLLIE, PEGGY L.	Katy	SNEED, BRENDA RENEE	Angleton
JAMES-PENN, LAUREN MANE	Hempstead	WEDGEWORTH, KANDI SHAVONNE	Cedar Hill
JOHNSON, LATANYA RENEE	Hempstead	WHITE, TERRA L.	Grand Prairie
JONES, DAPHNE MONIQUE	Houston	WILLIAMS, MASHALA MONIQUE	Huntsville
JONES, MONIQUE LASHEA	Houston		

#### *Human Performance Curriculum*

BAREFIELD, TANESHA N.	Houston	PLAYER, RODNEY T.	Hempstead
BOZEMAN, ROBERT WAYNE	Sealy	RAINDLE, ROLANDRUS LAVON	Prairie View
CLAYBORN, KELTON JAREL	Fort Worth	SALTER, DEWITT TERRY	Friendswood
DURHAM, BRADLEY LYNN	Waco	SHIVERS, JACOIE L.	Mesquite
EAST, ZACHARY J.	Prairie View	TOMPKINS, APRIL LA'DAWN	Hockley
GREER, DAMIAN DEON	Tyler	TUCKER, RONDA T.	Hempstead
HEAD, JOSEPH JEFFAR	Hempstead	WARRIOR, DOMINIQUE D.	Houston
HIGH, RICHARD R.	Bellville	WILLOUGHBY, MICHEAL A.	Dallas
MARKS, MARCUS X.	Houston	WINTERS, COSTELLO L.	Houston
MCDUELL-BATISTE, RYLON D.	Prairie View	YOUNG, JAMIE LASHAUN	Galena Park
PAUL, MICHELLE L.	Katy		

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology

#### *Industrial Technology Curriculum*

PARKER, KENNETH HOLLIS	Fort Worth
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### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

ASHER, BEN ARTHUR	Fort Worth	LEWIS, MONIQUE RENEE	Houston
BAUDOIN, KIEVA SAMARA TOVAY	Missouri City	LEWIS, SHAWANNA NICOLE	Houston
BRAY, BRITTANY TENIS	La Porte	MOORE, DIAMONIQUE SHUNTIA	Houston
CONLEY, ASHLEY JUANITA	West Texas City	PINTOR, BULMARO	Katy
CURRY, SHERRIE D.	Bastrop	ROBERTSON, MISHAWN SHERELLE	Prairie View
FREEMAN, AASYIA A.	Houston	RODRIGUEZ, BECKY	Katy
HARRIS, TANNKLAKNEEKQIA QUISHALLE	Washington	RUSH, JERALYN JANEL	Killeen
HAWKINS, WHITNEY M.	Little Elm	SANDERS, BEVEIER J.	Hempstead
HINES, NICOLE J.	Houston	SARGENT, JAMIE N.	Houston
HOLLOWAY, ROCHELLE RENEA'	Prairie View	SHIVERS, KAMILL R.	Cypress
IYAMU, CONSTANCE IZOGIE	Sugar Land	SMITH, TIFFANY NE'CELLE	Houston
JOHNSON, GARLAND DARNELL	Brazoria	THORNTON, CYNTHIA MARIE	Brenham
JONES, LAKESHA NICHOLE	Houston	TURNER, JACQULINE	Sugar Land
JONES, TYESHIA M.	Houston	VILLASANA, MARTHA P.	Bellville
JUNIOUS, DETRA JACELL	Houston	WILLIAMS, STACEY M.	Castro Valley, CA
KIZZEE, DANIELLE MARIE	Houston		



# ROY G. PERRY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

## Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

### *Computer Science Curriculum*

HENDERSON, CHASE MATTHEW	Lancaster	TOMLINSON, JAMES RAY	Houston
PAYNE, JEREMIAH LEVI	Seabrook	WILLIAMS, JAMIN NEHEMIAH	Austin

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

BETZ, COURTNEY DENISE	Hockley	MAKANJUOLA, TEMITOPE O.	Houston
BURROUGHS, ALVIN LEVON	Houston	OBASUYI, FIONA	Hempstead
COLLINS, ALISHA NECOLE	Del City, OK	WALKER, JABREEL ELIZABETH	Duncanville

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

ANANE-SEKYERE, AGYA KWASI	Houston	MARSH, PATRINIA GABRIELLA	Houston
CHEATHAM, BRANDON D.	Manvel	MOSAFFA, JOHN J.	Houston
DAVIS, MICHELLE L.	Bryan	PLEASANT, JOHN LANCE	Houston
HANNEY, JAMEICA SHEVAWN	Missouri City	POLLARD, ANTHONY J.	Fort Worth
HARRISON, AKENATON D.	Bellville	WARREN, COURTNEY DANIELLE	Arlington
KELLER, ANDREA PATRICE	Port Arthur	WILSON, SHANNON S.	Humble

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

HARDAWAY, JASON J.	Houston	VIGILANT, TAMARA CHELSEA	Houston
MAJORS, ANTOINETTE M.	Houston		

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Technology

BROADNAX JR., DENNIS R.	Houston	MCCARVER, KADEEDRA J.	Cypress
HARRIS, JESSICA MONTRICE	Houston	PITTMAN, ADELL ANTHONY	Houston
HAYES, ANTHONY S.	Texas City	SMITH, COURTNEY MARCELL	Shreveport, LA
JACOBS, MARJORIE GENITA	Houston	SUBLETT, DAVID DESMOND	Beaumont
JOHNSON, RODERICK JA'ON	Prairie View	WHITESIDE, CAMILLIA CHERESE	Dallas
LENZY, BRANDON REINELL	Humble	WOODARD, EVELYN ANECE	Wichita Falls

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

AKERS, CANDACE CELESTE	Houston	KINCADE, EMERY A.	Port Arthur
BABB III, HENRY D.	Prairie View	KUMAR, BHARAT	Houston
CAVITT, MAURICE D.	Dallas	MALVEAUX, RICHARD A.	Houston
COOPER, BRANDON J.	Kennedale	MCCLOUD, LEVAR DION	Detroit, MI
EDMOND, CARMEN L.	Dallas	QURESHI, FAHAD AHMED	Houston
EDMONDS, KITA LENA	Converse	RUCKER, TYRONE RAMONT	Detroit, MI
GILBERT, QUINTON L.	Houston	SWEAT, DON L.	Houston
HOLMAN, DAMON J.	Friendswood	THOMPSON, URAL EDWARD	Waxahachie
JONES, DAMION DESHARD	Beaumont	VARKEY, JERIN JOY	Missouri City
KEETON, JOSHUA ANDREW	Texarkana	VAUGHN, EMERALD J.	Beaumont

### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

IGBOKWE, ARINZE MICHAEL	Houston	LEE, JONATHAN	Channelview
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### Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

BOWMAN, NAKITA R.	Lowell, MA	MCGEE, FREDERICK JOVOHN	Cypress
ELSALEH, MAZEN M.	Houston	MCQUEEN, TRACY LEE	Fort Worth
HARRIS, DECORIAN R.	Texarkana, AR	SCOTT, KEVIN BELLAMY	Rosebud
JOHNSON, REGINALD DERRICK	Houston	SMITH, ANTHONY LAMONT	Houston
LAKHANI, MARZOOQ R.	Houston	THORNTON, JACQUE CLINT	Houston
LAVALLAIS, RICHARD H.	Dallas	WASHINGTON, ALLEN JUSTIN	Prairie View
MCCLEAVE, TIMOTHY C.	Duncanville	WILSON, MATTHEW GERARD	Prairie View

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## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

*Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90 - 4.0*

ALLEN, JERRELL L.

HERNANDEZ, DEBORAH

PARKER, JASMINE D.

SVEC, ELIZABETH A.

VIGILANT, TAMARA C.

WATSON, JERECIA E.

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

*Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70 - 3.89*

BRIERS, JAMES N.

BROWN, MARCIA A.

BRYANT, TIFFANY R.

COLBY, JOSHUA T.

FIGGINS, ASHLEE N.

HOLLIE, PEGGY L.

JOHNSON, NELLINE D.

LOTT, VALARIE M.

NELSON, ERICA R.

OGBURN, TIFFANY M.

RAGSTON, FRANCINE M.

RODRIGUEZ, BECKY

THOMAS, AUDRENE M.

WILLIS, KARA K.

WOODARD, EVELYN A.

## CUM LAUDE

*Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 - 3.69*

AUGUSTINE, LAJERALD D.

BATTS, VORICE M.

BRACY, RANELLE M.

BRAY, BRITTANY T.

BROWN, KANDIS W.

BROWN, MELANIE C.

BROWN, TASSINE K.

CONTRERAS, ELGUIN

CULMER, CANDACE M.

GYEBI, GRACE

HUGHES, ARRON J.

HYATT, KEIDRA F.

JACKSON, BRANDON D.

JONES, III, JOHNIE L.

MAJORS, ANTOINETTE M.

MANUEL, VIKTORIA N.

NELSON, MATTHEW A.

QURESHI, FAHAD A.

ROBINSON, MARTINE D.

SALTER, DEWITT T.

SIMON, AMY B.

SMITH, SHELDON E.

THORNTON, CYNTHIA M.

VILLASANA, MARTHA P.

WALKER, JABREEL E.

WHITE, CHEREE M.

WHITE, KETERA C.

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JON ATKINS, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Surface Warfare, Richmond, TX

JESSICA ALVARO, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Surface Warfare, Houston, TX

ASHLEE FIGGINS, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Naval Aviation, Temple, TX

DAMION JONES, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Surface Warfare, Beaumont, TX

URAL THOMPSON, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Surface Warfare, Waxahachie, TX

HEATH KINDER, 2nd Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, Spring, TX

## RETIRING FACULTY AND STAFF

DR. LEE E. HENDERSON, Associate Professor of Biology, Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences,  
38 years of service

MS. DOLORES S. HUSFELD, Administrative Assistant, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, 11 years of service

<sup>†</sup>The golden-colored cord represents undergraduate candidates graduation 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 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
Architecture.....	Lavender	Music.....	Pink
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White	Nursing .....	Apricot
Commerce, Accountancy, Business.....	Drab	Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Dentistry .....	Lilac	Pharmacy .....	Olive Green
Economics.....	Copper	Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Education .....	Light Blue	Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Engineering .....	Orange	Public Administration, including	
Fine Arts .....	Brown	Foreign Service.....	Peacock Blue
Forestry .....	Russett	Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Geography.....	Blue and Green	Science .....	Golden Yellow
Home Economics.....	Golden Yellow	Social Work.....	Citron
Journalism.....	Crimson	Technology .....	Golden Yellow
Industrial Education .....	Light Blue	Theology.....	Scarlet
Law .....	Purple	Veterinary Science.....	Gray
Library Science .....	Lemon		

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(m). 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.

# COMMENCEMENT ORATOR

## THE HONORABLE RICK PERRY

*Sworn in as the state's 47th governor on December 21, 2000, Rick Perry was elected to a four-year term November 5, 2002 and re-elected November 7, 2006.*

A fifth generation Texan, Governor Rick Perry has taken an extraordinary Texas journey, from a tenant farm in the rolling West Texas plains to the governor's office of our nation's second largest state.

Texas' 47th governor, and the first Texas A&M graduate to occupy the Governor's Mansion, Rick Perry has led a life of public service, starting in the United States Air Force and continuing over two decades in elected office.

Governor Perry's administration has focused on creating a Texas of unlimited opportunity and prosperity by improving education, securing the border and increasing economic development through classical conservative values.

Rick Perry's political career started in 1985 as a representative for a rural West Texas district in the state House of Representatives. He was first elected to statewide office in 1990, and served as Texas Commissioner of Agriculture for two terms. He was elected as lieutenant governor in 1999.

Governor Perry hails from Paint Creek, a small farming community north of Abilene. He is a 1972 graduate of Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, a junior and senior yell leader and an animal science major. Between 1972 and 1977, Governor Perry served in the United States Air Force flying C-130 tactical airlift aircraft in the U.S., Europe and the Middle East.

The younger of Ray and Amelia Perry's two children, Governor Perry is an Eagle Scout and lifetime member of American Legion Post #75. He first met Anita Thigpen at a piano recital during their elementary school years. They married in 1982 and are the proud parents of two grown children - Griffin and Sydney.

# 2009 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

## *Community*

### LEE E. WINSLETT, JR.

Mr. Lee E. Winslett, Jr. has consistently demonstrated a high measure of commitment and compassion for others. The 1959 graduate earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Prairie View A&M University before going on to secure a master's degree in business management from Central Michigan University. Throughout his distinguished career at IBM, he held management and administration roles in the U.S. and Tokyo, Japan. He has worked diligently to share knowledge gained during his thirty-year tenure in various corporate positions to help to preserve the history of African Americans, provide leadership in his community and to help promote public education.

Mr. Winslett's concern for others is displayed in his commitment to the preservation of African American history. As a board member he was the driving force behind the creation of a museum in Smithfield, Virginia which is a repository for the history of African American education in the area. In May of 2007, The Schoolhouse Museum was opened as Smithfield's project to commemorate Jamestown 2007, the 400th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in North America. As a result of the museum, current and future generations of Virginians are able to appreciate the lessons of the past while serving as custodians of the future. Additionally, his planning and leadership skills were critical to securing over \$200,000 in donations from organizations, individuals and foundations.

Since its creation in 1989, PVAMU students have benefited from the Earnestine B. Winslett Endowed Scholarship Fund. The endowment has been instrumental in helping a number of students achieve their educational goals while supporting Winslett's efforts to promote education. During the 2008-2009 school year, seven students from a variety of majors have received funds to aid their education. Even more, Winslett is very active in the fundraising efforts of PVAMU Class of 1959. Their fifty-year, golden anniversary, will be celebrated in October 2009 by a Legacy Endowment Fund presentation to Prairie View A&M. From this fund, scholarships will be provided to support future PVAMU students. His leadership and dedication as chairperson has helped secure nearly \$300,000 from members of the class.

Helpfulness to others extends to his participation in several civic activities and educational initiatives. He serves as a commissioner on the Isle Wight County planning commission, a member of the advisory committee of The Still Hope Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower single mothers and their families, a member of the strategic planning committee for Paul D. Camp Community College, and a former board member of the YMCA.

In 2005, he was awarded "The President's Volunteer Service Award" in recognition and appreciation of his commitment to strengthening the United States through volunteer and community service. This award recognized his dedication to those areas and signified that he served his community and his country with distinction while demonstrating values that help build a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility.

Winslett is a graduate of Leadership Isle of Wight, an institute sponsored by the chamber of commerce designed to cultivate emerging leaders. Furthermore, while accompanying his wife, a U.S. Navy Captain (retired), in Okinawa, Japan he built a unique bond with young servicemen and women that allowed him to teach financial management skills.

Lee is an avid golfer, a faithful church member and father of two adult children: Jacqueline Winslett of Dallas and Lee Winslett, III who lives in San Diego, California.

# 2009 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

## *Student*

**JOHNIE L. JONES, III**

A native of Hope, Arkansas, Johnie L. Jones, III, is the son of Bishop Johnie L. Jones, II and Minister Juanita Jones-Jackson. Throughout his tenure at Prairie View A&M University, he has served the PVAMU community in several roles, but his humanitarian service and leadership skills as president of the PVAMU Student Government Association (SGA) serve as the capstone vessel for his service to the University and its surrounding community.

Under his tenure as SGA president, Jones tirelessly helped increase voter awareness and voter participation among PVAMU students and the community through rallies, special events and marches. While serving as SGA president, he also worked as an advocate, gaining accessible fax machines and scanners for student use, petitioning the University's physical plant to repair dim campus lighting and partnering with PVAMU's campus police to increase campus patrol and safety.

His diligent leadership laid the foundation for the Prairie View A&M "Go Green" initiative, which will be implemented by the University. At the request of PVAMU President, Dr. George C. Wright, Jones spoke before the Texas State Legislator's Subcommittee on Finance to inform state leaders about the importance of supporting PVAMU and its students. Additionally, his administration was able to facilitate online Student Government elections. As a result, there was an approximate 10 percent increase in student participation. Jones was appointed to The Texas A&M University System Chancellor's Student Advisory Board which provides an avenue for student leaders to address student issues common to all campuses within the System. He also served as a member of the Chancellor's Diversity Council.

This summer Jones will participate in a mission trip to Burundi, Africa with Community of Faith Church. This humanitarian trip will help the country decrease the mortality rate and increase the life expectancy of citizens.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and is a dedicated volunteer for the annual PVAMU Panthers-At-Work (PAW) Community-Wide Clean-Up. Throughout his studies at PVAMU, he has served as chaplain of the Prairie View A&M University Chapter of the NAACP and as president of the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization, which teaches students about financial literacy, business ethics and entrepreneurship. In between classes, Jones mentored Hempstead Elementary students and took time to greet distinguished University guests and visitors. In the Arkansas community, he volunteers his time with Providence Baptist Church in Hope, Arkansas to help provide food and clothing to the area's needy families.

After completing his bachelor's degree in agriculture economics, he plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's degree in public administration.



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*A Message from the Governor:*

*I am pleased and honored to extend greetings to everyone attending Prairie View A&M University's Spring Commencement Convocation.*

*Today, as you celebrate your achievements and the honor you have earned as graduates of this fine university, Texas celebrates with you. You have demonstrated excellence and have accomplished much of which to be proud.*

*But remember that the diploma you receive today is not the goal you have worked diligently to attain. It is only a symbol of the education that has prepared you for a career, a productive life and an active membership in a society that needs your talents and energy.*

*You are the inheritors of not only the freedom and prosperity of this great state and nation, but also the responsibilities that accompany them. I urge you to rise to the challenge by building upon the foundation laid by the men and women who have come before you.*

*I am sure the milestone we celebrate today is only one of many achievements you will know. I encourage you to consider the support system that helped you reach this place – the families, friends, teachers, professors and communities of faith that have supported you – and to take the time to thank and honor them. The success you know today is the work of many, and those relationships will bolster and guide you as you continue on your way.*

*May you continue to excel, and may you fulfill your great potential. First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes for your continued success.*



*Sincerely,*

*Rick Perry*

*Rick Perry  
Governor*



# THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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May 16, 2009

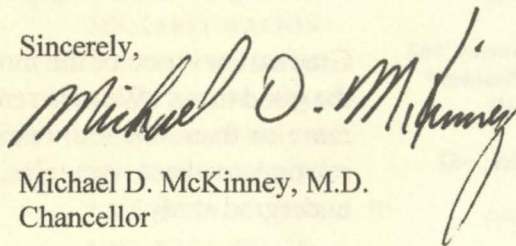
Dear Graduates:

I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to you on this memorable day. I know how long and hard you have worked and studied and now your dedication and perseverance has paid off, and you should be proud of your accomplishment.

Your education at Prairie View A&M University has taught you to be independent thinkers and strong leaders. Your school has provided you with skills on which you will rely throughout your future career and in life. Use them well.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for a bright future. I wish you all the best in pursuing a career in your chosen field. Well done!

Sincerely,



Michael D. McKinney, M.D.  
Chancellor

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## *Greetings, Graduates:*

First of all, I wish to congratulate all of our graduates for the outstanding achievement and status you have reached on this day. After today, your options will have been significantly enhanced, and the choices you make in your near futures will surely affect your lives for the rest of your lives.

Today, I along with a considerable number of graduates from the Class of 1959, have come on this, our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, to share this occasion with you. Under the leadership of Mrs. Celestine Barnes, our Class of 1959 President, who happened to be our "Miss Prairie View" in 1959, we have followed your progress since your freshmen year. We have maintained a constant interaction with your class to this day.

We have set in motion the adoption of classes by anniversary celebration classes and we hope that this tradition will become the norm rather than the exception. One must also make note of the fact that the leadership of your class today will almost certainly be among the same fifty years from this day.

Graduation is one of the most reflective times in your lives. We not only remember the good times. We also remember the unpleasant experiences. Many of us struggle more so than others to reach similar goals. Some of us develop negative attitudes relating to those struggles, where others seem to have an absolute blast during undergrad study.

The important issue here is the struggle, the pursuit to happiness. The pursuit is a worthy endeavor, and there are literally thousands of young Black Americans out there all across America, who will not get an opportunity, other than through our Historically Black Colleges and Universities. You have an urgent responsibility as alumni to help protect the umbrella overseeing our great institution.

Hold these truths close to your heart and never relent on your responsibility.

Sincerely,

Clem Daniels  
President

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