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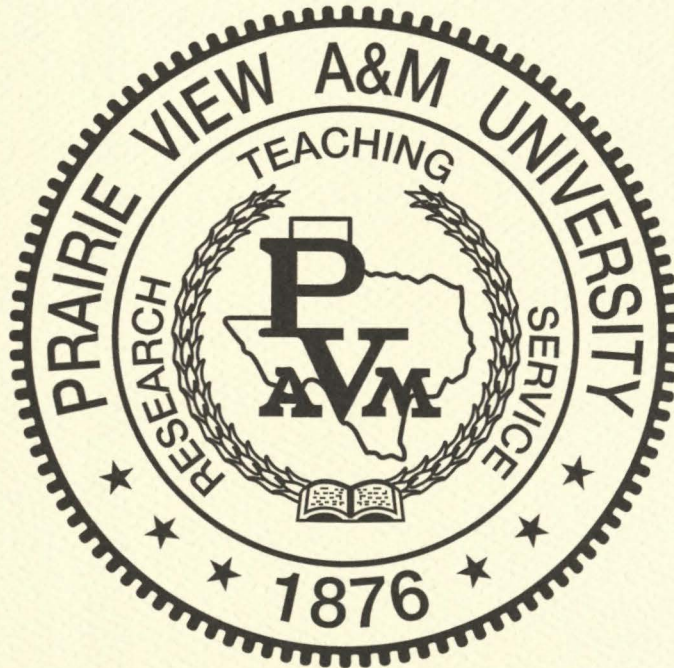
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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD YEAR

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Prairie View, Texas



Commencement Convocation

THE FOURTEENTH FALL COMMENCEMENT

WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS, SR. BUILDING

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER NINETEENTH

TWO THOUSAND NINE

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 William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Dr. John L. Cornelius
Assistant Professor, Music

THE CONVOCAATION PROCESSION

COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCESSION..... Dr. 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

AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES B.J. Crain
Associate Vice Chancellor for Budgets and Accounting
The Texas A&M University System

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR..... President George C. Wright

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Nathelyne Archie Kennedy, P.E.
President
Nathelyne A. Kennedy & Associates
Houston, Texas

MUSIC: "I Thank You, Jesus" *arr. Robert L. Morris*

The University Concert Chorale
Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Director

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

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM:

THE MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Dean Danny R. Kelley, D.M.A.

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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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

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KENDALL T. HARRIS	Dean, Roy G. Perry College of Engineering
DANNY R. KELLEY	Dean, Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences
LUCIAN YATES, III	Dean, Whitlowe R. Green College of Education
FREDDIE RICHARDS	Dean, College of Agriculture and Human Sciences
MUNIR QUDDUS	Dean, College of Business
H. ELAINE RODNEY	Dean, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology
IKHLAS SABOUNI	Dean, School of Architecture
WILLIAM H. PARKER	Dean, Graduate School

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES¹

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

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Communications Curriculum

EALUM, SEAN O.	Dallas	PALMER, RODNEY N.	Dickinson
HORTON, MIKAILA RAISHA	Fort Worth	PUGH, DOMONIQUE D.	Hempstead
JACKSON, MALCOLM E.	Oakland, CA	RICHARDSON, JOHN W.	Missouri City
JOSEY, CYMONE RYDELL	Harker Heights	TABOR, JUSTIN R.	Desoto
LAMPKIN, DEON ANTHONY	San Antonio	WATTS, VINCENT C.	Houston
LAWRENCE, COURTNEY QYNN	Pearland	WHEELER, SHUNTIA SHA'JUAN	Crockett
LEWIS, MICHAEL LYNN	Desoto	WHITAKER, MILCAH S.	Houston
MATLOCK, NASTASHIA QUENNETTA	Texarkana	WILLIAMS, ANDREW R.	Dallas
MYERS, EBONY SHUNTA'	Houston	WINGATE, BRITTANY DIONNE	Houston
NEWMAN, ERICA CHERIE	Missouri City		

Drama Curriculum

BRENT II, DERRICK JEROME	Waller	HOSKINS, PATRICE DANIELLE	Houston
FLOWERS, ANDRÉ F.	Houston	ROSEMOND JR., KERRICK A.	Beaumont

English Curriculum

BENTON, TREY CORDAY	El Paso	TAYLOR, RONDREA AMEEN	Tulsa, OK
CARTER, DON ROCHELLE	Desoto		

History Curriculum

CORNELIUS, DARIAN W.	Fort Worth	VASSER, DAVID LEON	Houston
MCMILLAN, LAUREN	Houston	WORSHAM, TIFFANY E.	Houston

Music Curriculum

OPALEYE, JEFFREY F.	Dallas
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Political Science Curriculum

BLUFORD, JAY C.	Fort Washington, MD	RANSOM, ALYSSA M.	Prairie View
BURGIN, KEIDRA LEONETTE	Cedar Hill	ROSS, DOMINIQUE D.	Missouri City
CHATHAM, KENAE ARLETT	Rosenberg	SPURK, HEIDI LYNN	Houston
JONES, EBONEY CHANEL	Rowlett		

Sociology Curriculum

CURVEY, CICELEY RESHELL	Fort Worth	PHILLIPS, TACARA M.	Prairie View
MASK, ADRIYEL DEMILLE	Missouri City	STALCUP, TERESA MICHELLE	Bellville

Spanish Curriculum

JIMENEZ, YESSICA A.	Bellville
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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

AGERS, ASHLEY B.	Mesquite	JOHNSON, AURORA G.	Magnolia
ATKINS, ANIS LANAE	Houston	LEWIS, KENDRA RENE A	Lancaster
BLOUNT, RONNETTA Y.	Houston	MCCOWAN, TIFFANY JEWELLYNN	Fort Worth
BROWN, DEANDREA MICHELLE	Houston	SMITH, KATRICE R'AVON	Missouri City
CARPENTER, LAKEISHA RENEÉ	Houston	THIBODEAUX, NIKELA D.	Desoto
DENNIS, SHANITRA LEE ANNA	Huntsville	WILLIAMS, JOSHUA L.	Prairie View
DILLON, TI-TINISHA S.	Bryan	WILLIAMS, KIMBERLY NICOLE	Houston
HENRY, ASHLEY CHRISTINA ANN-ALEXIAH	Hempstead		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Music

Applied Music Curriculum

JIMENEZ, ERIC	Houston
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¹As 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 Science

Biology Curriculum

ADEKANBI, ASHTON ADEKUNLE	League City	MARSHALL, CLARISSA D.	Converse
BROOKINS, MISTY DEION	Houston	MASON, TERRI LANEÉ	Reynoldsburg, OH
CHAPMAN, CANDYCE DEONNA	Houston	MAYO, BRISTOL RICHARDSON	Hempstead
DURAND-ROUGELY, CLARISSA M.	Hempstead	MULAULA, SIMON F.	Dallas
GARDINER, DEDRÉ J.*	Houston	RIDGEWAY, FELEESHA NICHOL	Marshall
HARRIS, JERMAINE E.	Converse	SAMPSON, SHARLYN DARNETTE	Houston
IBRAHEEM, RABIU O.	Houston	STEWART, KAREN L.	Prairie View
IRVING, DOMINIQUE L.	Dallas		

Chemistry Curriculum

JACKSON JR., MILTON NEILL,	Houston	THORNTON, CRYSTAL L.	Texarkana
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Mathematics Curriculum

COLLINS II, FRANKSON	Missouri City	THOMAS, RODNEY JAMES	Houston
STOKES, TWILA TRELAYNE	Hawthorne, CA		

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting Curriculum

BROUSSARD, RODNEY E.	Channelview	MILLER, ETRINA NICOLE	Houston
BROWN, GREGORY V.	Prairie View	OKPO, EDAK ITAM	Houston
COLLINS, SAMIAN L.	Cypress	ORHUE, VICTORIA O.	Waller
DAVIS, KARLA M.	Killeen	PASTER, ASHLEY NICOLE	Waller
DEESE JR., CALVIN WAYNE	Houston	REED, DEBREE DENISE	Houston
KNIGHT, KASEY N.	Wharton	RICHARDS, JEMIAH J.	Hempstead
LEACH, JEREMY R.	Houston	SCHMIDT, TERRI MARIE	Waller
LEE, JOY KIMBERLY-DEANNE	Katy	TURNER, SHANIQUA SHAREE	Stafford
MCLEAN, MELECIA MONIQUE	Houston	UDECHUKWU, ADAUN CHALISE	Prairie View
MICHELIN, PAMELA E.	Prairie View	WARFIELD, TONY DE'MARCOS	Houston

Finance Curriculum

CRUTHIS, WILLIAM RYAN	Houston	MORGAN, QUINTON A.	Carrollton
HURST, MYISHA TRENACE	Houston	WHITTED, MICHAEL E.	Killeen

Management Curriculum

ANDERSON, JREMEKYO L.	Prairie View	MASON, TAMEKA MICHELLE	Katy
CHATMON, YOLANDA DENISE	Cedar Hill	PINKNEY, ROBERT A.	Port Arthur
FANNER, JAMEN P.	Richmond	SOLOMON, BRANDON DURELL	East Bernard
GUTIERREZ, MERCEDES P.	Waller	THORNTON, WARREN K.	Houston
HICKS, BRANDON J.	Jacksonville, FL	TIPTON, KRISTI L.	Rowlett
LOPEZ, JENNIFER NICOLE	San Antonio	WILSON, WAYNE T.	Laredo
MARSHALL, LATHEREO M.	Houston		

Management Information Systems Curriculum

CAMPBELL, LAUREN CRYSTAL	Hempstead	MADISON II, RAPHAEL O'HERA	Rowlett
JONES, ERIC D.	Fort Worth	TIPTON, KRISTI L.	Rowlett

Marketing Curriculum

BERRY, JASMINE E.	Prairie View	NEWBY-DURHAM, KARIAN CHALYCE	Prairie View
DANIELS, JILES P.	Houston	PEMBERTON, TRISTAN CARDERA	Dallas
GRANT, CERRONE ANDRE	Richmond	ROSS, JERLONDA RHANDA	Hempstead
JOHNSON, UNIQUKA J.	Red Oak	WARE JR., JIMMIE F.	Killeen
MALLORY, MORGAN UNIQUESHEA	Hercules, CA		

* AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY

WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Health Curriculum

BARNETT, CANDACE S.	Cypress	SHITTU, OLUMAYOWA CYNTHIA	Sugar Land
DESSO, SHEA C.	Missouri City	SMITH, ROCHELLE D.	Houston
DRUMMOND, CLARENCE T.	Copperas Cove	STALLINGS, ASHLEIGH CHALAE	Houston
ELLISON, CRYSTAL LA'SHUNDR	Pflugerville	WASHINGTON, BRITTNEY NICOLE	Columbus
KENDRICKS, BRANDON D.	Ovilla	WILLIAMS, ZANA E.	Bryan
PETERSON, LADOYA KATRIECE	Dickinson	WOODARD, SHERINNA M.	Prairie View

Human Performance Curriculum

ALEXANDER, LAQUITA	Houston	MCDUELL-BATISTE, RYLON D.	Houston
BREWER, JUSTIN ALLEN	Burleson	WARREN II, WAYNE TITUS	Duncanville
FORD, VALLICE C.	Washington, D.C.	WOODS, KEENAN Q.	San Antonio
JONES, MATTHEW O.	Wink		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

AKPOBOME, OGHENEMARO O.	Houston	JONES, ELISHA D.	Katy
ANDREWS, DOMINIQUE MARIE	Austin	KIMBLE, MEGAN ASHLEY	Houston
BEASLEY, LA'NELL CAROL JO	Fort Worth	LESLIE, TREMAINE NICOLE	Prairie View
BELL, KRISTALYN M.	Houston	LEWIS, MICHELLE G.	Houston
BELL, REGINA DESHAY	Prairie View	LOVELL, NANCY T.	Magnolia
BRELAND, JASMINE C.	Wylie	MARTIN, LAUREN SHERISE	Beaumont
BROWN, ERNEST E.	San Antonio	MCGHEE, SHANNON E.	Houston
BROWN, WHITNEY M.	San Antonio	MEDLOCK-LEDOUX, DAMIKA KA'SHAWNA	Houston
CAGE, NANCIA PHEM-MARIE	Universal City	MILES, ALEAH A.	Houston
CHATMON, CRYSTAL JACLEEN	Houston	MITCHELL, DARCELLE	Dallas
COMPTON, TONYA DELESE	Houston	OREBO, MAGHEN LEA	Dayton
COOK, ASHLEY NICOLE	Houston	PETE, JAMILLA KENDRIA	Houston
EVANS, MARKEISHA NICHOLE	Houston	PHILLIPS, HOPE C.	Waco
GEORGE, CHAEMARIQUE V.	Missouri City	PORTER, ANGEL DAWNETTE	Fresno
GONZALES, ANALISA	San Antonio	PREJEAN, ATIYA LACHEE	Houston
GREEN, CHIMIRA K.	Houston	RAY, LAKISHA D.	Missouri City
GUPTON, ELLA MONIQUE	Henderson	REMBERT, DENISHA J.	Waller
HALL, CHANDRA D.	Houston	STANTON, PERMELLA EVETTE	Houston
HENDERSON, AMIRAH M.	Austin	STEWART, ESTELLA	Hockley
HOLSTEIN, BILLIE J.	Waller	STRAWDER, DESIREE YVONNE	Missouri City
HUTCHINSON, ROSELYN RENEE	Brenham	SYON, EVELYN NIKOLE	Houston
IPINA, KATARINA E.	Waller	TURNER, LLOYD LEE	Houston
JACKSON, RANDYSHIA J.	Desoto	WILLIAMS, KARA JEANÉ	Lancaster
JOHNSON, BRODERICK C.	Cypress	WOODING, JENNIFER MICHELE	Cibolo

ROY G. PERRY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Computer Science Curriculum

BARNES, SHANEQUA AUNSHALAE	Dallas	JONES, DESMOND	Cypress
CARPENTER, PATRICK MICHAEL	Fort Worth	MITCHELL, JASON LOUIS	Bryan
HAYNES, JASON A.	Houston		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

BRIGHT, COREY M. D.	Houston	FLORENCE, CASEY DARCEL	Orange
BURNS, CHERYL LEE	Port Lavac	NWOZU, NELSON NNAMDI	Richmond
EVANS, SHALTON W.	Prairie View	OWO, OLADIPUPO ABDULKABIR	Houston
FEMI-FOWODE, TAIWO I.	Houston	TURNER, ANDRÉ JEREL	Arlington

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

ANDERSON, DERIC ONEAL	Houston	RODGERS, QUINTON MARSALIS	Dallas
GHANEM, WASSIM M.	Houston		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science
Computer Engineering Curriculum

MITCHELL, DEMARCUS D.	Prairie View	MUHAMMAD, DAUDI ABDULNOOR	Houston
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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in
 Computer Engineering Technology

ARCENEUX, DANE C.	Liberty	WADE, PHILLIP N.	Cypress
DAVIS, RODNEY JOSEPH	Houston	WHITESIDE, CAMILLIA CHERESE	Dallas
PHILLIPS, CADARIUS T.	Desoto		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

ALLOTEY, THOMAS ARDEY	Houston	HUDSON, JAMES R.	Houston
BAILEY, REGINALD BERNARD	Houston	ROUGELY, DAVID J.	Hempstead
DIOP, ABDOU K.	Houston	WARREN, MORGAN DANIELLE	Spring
DUNKLEY, RICARDO KINGSLEY	Jamaica, West Indes	WESLEY, CHRISTOPHER NELSON	Prairie View
EVANS II, ANDERSON JERARD	Houston	ZENON, KENNETH J.	Beaumont
HAZELEY JR., GREGORY LEON	Hempstead		

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

PHELPS JR., ROMIE GLENN	Houston
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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

BEACHEM, SHAWNDISSE JANEY	Prairie View	ONDIEKI, MICHAEL OGARO	Prairie View
GARZA, SONIA PATRICIA	Pasadena	PHILLIPS, QUINTON H.	Houston
GUTTER JR., CEDRIC CHARLES	Hempstead	SHY, CECIL	Houston
IDLEBIRD, DAVID L.	Beaumont	WASHINGTON, ALLEN JUSTIN	Prairie View
JOHNSON, REGINALD DERRICK	Houston	WASHINGTON, ANTHONY EUGENE	San Antonio
MARTIN, FRANCOIS CHARLES	Houston	WHITE, TEREL D.	Lake Jackson
MCCOWAN, WILLIAM CASH	Missouri City	WILSON, RA'SHAN BALLARD	Lancaster

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 have completed 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

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90 - 4.0

BLACKSHIRE, BILLIE J.
WARREN, MORGAN DANIELLE

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70 - 3.89

ALLOTEY, THOMAS ARDEY
FEMI-FOWODE, TAIWO I.
HOLSTEIN, BILLIE J.
JOHNSON, AURORA G.
KNIGHT, KASEY N.

LESLIE, TREMAINE NICOLE
LUNA, JESSICA M.
MCGHEE, SHANNON E.
OKPO, EDAK ITAM
OWO, OLADIPUPO ABDULKABIR

ROSS, DOMINIQUE D.
SPURK, HEIDI LYNN
STEWART, ESTELLA
TATUM, DAVID WENDELL

CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 - 3.69

ALEXANDER, DAENAH KRISTYN
BELL, REGINA DESHAY
BROWN, GREGORY V.
DILLON, TI-TINISHA S.
DRAME, CHEICK SALYM
DUNKLEY, RICARDO KINGSLEY

HUTCHINSON, ROSELYN RENEE
MASON, TERRI LANE'
MATLOCK, NASTASHIA QUENNETTA
MICHELIN, PAMELA E.
MILES, ALEAH A.
ONYEJIKA, ADAOBI E.

SCHMIDT, TERRI MARIE
SMITH, ROCHELLE D.
STEVENSON, DEWONNA E.
WILLIAMS, MELODY PAIGE

COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

JOHNSON, CALVIN T., Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Active Duty, Dallas, TX
OLAWOYE, GBOLAHA, Second Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, Army Reserves, Cedar Hill, TX
SMITH, KATRICE R., Second Lieutenant, Medical Service Corps, Army National Guard, Missouri City, TX
THIBODEAUX, NIKELA D., Second Lieutenant, Chemical Corps, Active Duty, DeSoto, TX
WHITTED, MICHAEL E., Second Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, Active Duty, Killeen, TX

COMMISSIONS IN THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES

MULAULA, SIMON F., Ensign USN Navy, Active Duty, Sasebo, Japan
BAKER, NIKITA N., Ensign USN Navy, Active Duty, Mayport, Florida

RETIRING FACULTY AND STAFF

MR. ALONZO WILLIAMS, Laboratory Attendant,
Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences, 20 years of service
RET. LIEUTENANT COLONEL BENJAMIN COPELAND, Navy ROTC,
Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences, 21 years of service
MRS. DARLENE B. CLARK, Staff Assistant,
Office of the Registrar, 47 years of service

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

THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

An appropriate costume is a necessary part of Commencement. The costume includes a cap, a gown, and a hood. Each part of the costume has special significance. The most common head-piece (or cap) for the ceremony is the black square, flat-topped, or "mortar board" type with gold or black tassel. It is called a "mortar board" because it is shaped like the board of the mason which holds mortar. Recently, we are seeing large velvet Tam-O-Shanter style 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

NATHELYNE ARCHIE KENNEDY, P.E.

Following in the footsteps of her father Nathaniel L. Archie (a former career educator in Conroe, Texas), and her paternal grandmother Betty Crawford Archie (who had attended in the early 1900s and became a home economics teacher), young Nathelyne Archie set her sights on Prairie View A&M College—and a career in engineering—while still in high school.

Having a female in an engineering classroom was still new enough that some people doubted the idea, but Nathelyne Archie achieved her dream and became the first female engineering graduate in the history of the University. In fact, she was the first African-American woman to earn an engineering degree from any university in Texas, and the first to become a P.E.—a state-registered Professional Engineer.

After 12 years as the only woman engineer in a large Chicago firm (there had been no post-graduation opportunities for her in Texas), a transfer in husband James D. Kennedy's career brought the Kennedy family back to Houston. With entrepreneurial opportunities for women and minorities emerging through a new affirmative action program adopted by the city of Houston, she decided to open her own firm—Nathelyne A. Kennedy & Associates—in 1981. Making the fledgling enterprise successful would not always be easy, but as she has done throughout her professional life, Nathelyne Archie Kennedy vaulted every hurdle and kept forging ahead.

Now in its 28th year, Nathelyne A. Kennedy & Associates continues to provide services on many of the most prestigious engineering projects across Texas—revitalization of municipal infrastructures; freeway and toll road expansions; improvements to airports and marine terminals; major league sports facilities; and urban light rail systems.

As she has achieved her own success as a business owner, garnering numerous personal and professional recognitions and awards—including the naming of the Nathelyne Archie Kennedy building on the Prairie View A&M University campus in 2006—Kennedy has continually shared what she learned and experienced by being a willing small business advocate and a role model for other entrepreneurs.

Throughout her professional career, she has maintained close connections to her alma mater—and to the many friends and mentors who still profoundly influence her life—through participation in local and national alumni associations, and through the Prairie View A&M University Capital Campaign Committee and the Prairie View A&M Foundation, working to prepare the University for generations of future students.

Devotion to Prairie View A&M University is clearly visible in the Nathelyne Archie Kennedy Scholarship Endowment, which is dedicated to encouraging and assisting today's students—both female and male—who choose Engineering or Architecture as a profession.

Nathelyne Archie Kennedy has been married for 48 years to Prairie View A&M University alumnus James D. Kennedy. They have two children: daughter Tracey A. Kennedy, Esq., of Los Angeles; and son David J. Kennedy of Houston.



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 2009 Fall 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
Office of the Chancellor

November 23, 2009

Dear Graduate:

I am delighted to extend my congratulations to you on this memorable day. This day marks the successful completion of a rigorous endeavor that required commitment and sacrifice by you and by your family. It is a day for celebration.

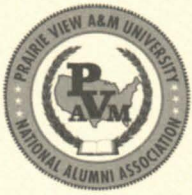
Your education at Prairie View A&M University has taught you to be independent thinkers and strong leaders. You now become a part of Prairie View's legacy of producing graduates who make a difference in their personal and professional lives, as well as their communities.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for a bright future. On behalf of The Texas A&M University System, we are proud of you and your achievements and encourage you to continue a life of learning and of service.

Sincerely,

Michael D. McKinney, M.D.
Chancellor

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November 23, 2009

Dear Class of 2009:

On behalf of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association (NAA) I would like to sincerely congratulate you on your graduation from Prairie View A&M University. You are to be commended for your academic achievements and accomplishments. I wish each of you success as you enter the workforce, continue to matriculate, or advance in your career. Prairie View has produced another group of productive people for our world.

Now that you have joined the rank of alumni, I invite you to join your fellow alumni in building a strong National Alumni Association for the perpetuation of our illustrious university. You have been awarded the first year of membership free. For more information about the NAA and how to register for your free membership, please visit www.pvualumni.org.

Again, Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Mr. Lynn Morris
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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*