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# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

## COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

(THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH COMMENCEMENT)



WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING  
SATURDAY MORNING, MAY TWELFTH  
TWO THOUSAND ONE  
TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

## **TO OUR GUESTS**

Commencement is a significant and solemn event, recognizing years of study and sacrifice. To make this ceremony more meaningful, we ask all guests and participants to avoid unnecessary conversation and movement during the exercises.

Please withhold your applause during the presentation of degrees until each degree group is acknowledged and the candidates have returned to their seats.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater, there is a Recessional for the platform party and all degree recipients. We ask the audience to remain seated during this period.

For your assistance, an Emergency Medical Services station is available in the Nicks Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

*Presiding:* Dr. Charles A. Hines  
President, Prairie View A&M University

ORGAN PRELUDE .....	Dr. Danny R. Kelley
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL: "War March of the Priests" (Athalia) .....	<i>Felix Mendelssohn</i> Dr. Danny R. Kelley, Organist Dr. Marion Henry, Marshal
Marshal	
President's Party	
Faculty	
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences	
Candidates for Degrees in the School of Architecture	
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	
Candidates for Degrees in the School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology	
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Nursing	
INVOCATION .....	The Reverend Charles H. Lewter, Jr. Dean, University Chapel
NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	<i>Frances Scott Key</i>
OPENING REMARKS .....	President Charles A. Hines
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....	Mr. R. H. Stevens, Jr. Member, TAMUS Board of Regents
GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM .....	Dr. Jerry Gaston Deputy Chancellor The Texas A&M University System
INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR .....	President Charles A. Hines
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....	Rear Admiral Osie V. Combs, Jr. United States Navy, Retired Fairfax, Virginia

MUSIC: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" ..... *arr. Adolphus Hailstork*

Jai Andreia Barron, LeAnn Broadous  
Soprano Soloists  
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 AGRICULTURE  
AND HUMAN SCIENCES ..... Dean Elizabeth Noel, Ph.D.

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE ..... Dean Ikhlas Sabouni, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ..... Dean Gerard Rambally, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ..... Lucille V. Pointer, Ph.D.  
Interim Head  
Department of Management and Marketing

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

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING ..... Dean Milton R. Bryant, Ph.D.

THE SCHOOL OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY ..... Dean H. Elaine Rodney, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING ..... Dean Betty N. Adams, Ph.D.

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

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

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

(Audience Seated)

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# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES<sup>1</sup>

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

#### *Animal Science Curriculum*

BURNS, STEVEN IASSC	Sugarland	DUNKLEY, KINGSLEY D.	Prairie View
DALEY, MILTON B.	Prairie View	SPILLER, DEMOND O'KEITH	Houston

#### *Agricultural Economics Curriculum*

ANDERSON JR., WALTER M.	Hempstead	LEE, XAVIER O.	El Paso
COLEMAN, JAMIE CHRISTINA	Hempstead	SMITH, CHARLES MICHAEL.	San Antonio

#### *Agriculture and Human Resources Curriculum*

HAYES JR., SAMUEL D	Hockley
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### CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN SCIENCES

#### *Merchandising and Design Curriculum*

TONEY, KATRINA E.	San Antonio
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### CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS

#### *Human Nutrition and Food*

HUNTER-SPENCER, CHARMAYNE NECOLE	Houston
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## SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

ABDALLAH, OHAJI K.	Prairie View	MERRETT, REGINALD ALBERT †	Killeen
ACHEAMPONG, EMMANUEL A.	Prairie View	MITCHELL, CRAIG BYRON	Houston
BLACK, THERESA D.	San Antonio	OKELLO, ANNE A.	Houston
BOYD JR., PRENTICE	Beaumont	PRICE, JASON SAMUEL	Houston
CROWDER, DERRICK LAMON	Houston	SHOJAARDALAN, ROUJANOU	Houston
CURTIS, JEREMY LADALE	Wharton	SMITH, DANO JERMAINE	Wichita Falls
DALCOUR, DAMIAN EUGENE	Arlington	THOMPSON, ARON JASON	Little Rock, AR
DIXON, SHANI N.	Dallas	WILLIAMS II, JAMES ALEXANDER	Hempstead
GRIGGS, DERRICK DION	Houston		

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### *Advertising Arts Curriculum*

FONTENOT, JEROME V.	Prairie View	MORGAN JR., DAN L.	Converse
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<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.

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

‡ Awarded Posthumously

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

### *Communications Curriculum*

ESTES, YAUNA V.	Houston	MOORE, KENDRIA L.	Prairie View
JACKSON, PAUL L.	Houston	PEARS, VANESSA	Houston
KISER, CHARLES H.	Sugarland	PIERSON, KIMBERLY NICHOLE	Texarkana
LAUNZA, LASHAWN	Houston	SPILLMAN JR., GEORGE SANFORD	Houston
MCGINTY, RYAN JAMES	Missouri City	STEWART, ESTELLE NANETTE	Houston
MONTGOMERY, ANWAR SADAT	Prairie View		

### *Communications — Journalism Curriculum*

NORRIS, LAWANDA M. Mineral Wells

### *Communications — Radio/Television Curriculum*

BAKER, INGRID D.	Houston	FINLEY, KERVIN BERNARD	Mt. Pleasant
CARPENTER, CEDRIC E.	Fort Worth	FRANKLIN, JARROD YARNELL	Sulphur Springs
COLE, CECILE NANA	Mexia	KIRK, ANDREA ELIZABETH	Richmond
DICKERSON, LETRICE CHANEL	Chicago, IL	STERLING, DONALD B.	Houston

### *Drama Curriculum*

EAGLIN, RICA TATUM Houston

### *English Curriculum*

GRAY, TERRILYN TENNILLE	Fort Worth	ORPHE, KOLLEAN	Houston
MURRAY, DAWAYLA A.	Dallas		

### *Music Curriculum*

DEGRATE, TAMAR DEON Waco O'NEAL JR., PHILLIP JEROME Houston

### *Political Science Curriculum*

BRADLEY, ABNESHIA R.	Texarkana	GREEN, REGINA ANN	Round Rock
CALLIS, KENDRICK DALE	Edna	JOHNSON, BRYAN A.	Dallas
COLLINS II, CHARLES L.	Fresno	MCCLENDON, KAMILAH D.	Dallas
DENMAN, TONYA YVETTE	Spring	SIMIEN, LABERTHA ANN	Port Arthur

### *Sociology Curriculum*

HALBERT, TERENCE DONNELL Fort Worth OLIVER, STEVEN M. Sierra Vista, AZ  
HOBBS, CHRISTOPHER M. Arlington

### *Spanish Curriculum*

ALLEN, KIMBERLEY M. Lake Jackson PAYTON, MELISSA MARIE Bay Springs, MS  
GAVILAN, TATIANA Kempner

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

GRAVES, MAURISA NICOLE	San Antonio	LIETEAU, NICHOLAS JAMES	Chicago, IL
GRAY, MADENE SMITH	Houston	SMITH, SHIRLEY TEMPLE	Houston
GREEN, LAKITHA ROCHELLE	Houston	STEWART, GILDA K.	The Woodlands
LEWIS JR., FREDERIC O.	Austin		



# CANDIDATE \*FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

## *Applied Music-Voice*

BARRON, JAI ANDREIA MELNIECE

Houston

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

## *Biology Curriculum*

BENNETT, TRACI NICOLE	Temple	LATSON, TERRANCE R.	Dallas
BRYANT, NIKKI SHARRONE	Decatur, GA	LAW, KIMBERLYN LASHON	Dallas
BURNS, CHRISTIE MICHELE	Grapeland	LOVE, KYLE	Spring
BURNS, SHANNON EVETTE	Houston	LUNDY, BYRON DARNELL	Missouri City
CHASE JR., RICHARD JULIUS	Corpus Christi	MCBRIDE, LATRESHA JOHANNA	Houston
CORBETT, KARI LETA	Dallas	MILBOURNE, DANA LYNETTE	Richmond
COTTMON, NICOLE D.	Jersey City, NJ	MILES, RAVEN MICHELLE	Houston
ECHOLS, KIMBERLY NICOLE	College Station	ORPHE, KOLLEAN R.	Houston
EPPE, CAMITRIA NICOLE	Dallas	PERRY, KATASHA E.	Prairie View
FARMER, AMBER RHNEE	Houston	ROBERSON, SHERMELIA FLORINE ELLAREESE	Dallas
GILFORD, TIMBERLY NEICHELE	Houston	ROLLINS, JENNIFER O'NEIL	Judson
GLOYD III, ROOSEVELT	Houston	RUSSELL, KACEY ANDREA	Killeen
GORDON, KIMBERLY A.	Pearland	SEARCY, KIMBERLY RENEE	Navasota
GRACE, BRIAN W.	Houston	SINGLETARY, SHANIKA D.	Seguin
HAMILTON, LAKEISHA Y.	Houston	SMITH, LORI PATRICE	San Antonio
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JACKSON, MASHEIKA SHONTAE	Wichita Falls	THOMAS, DESMOND MALON	Houston
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JOHNSON, JAMES E.	Longview	WARREN, STEVEN JAMES	San Antonio
JOHNSON, KIMBERLY SHAWNTE'	Whitehouse	WILSON, SAMUEL WOOD	Sugarland
JONES, KENYATTA M.	Houston	WOODS, TIFFANY T.	Prairie View
KIRKENDOLL, KARYN JANELL	Houston	YANCY, VITA ANN	Houston

## *Mathematics Curriculum*

CALDWELL-JOHNSON, TERESA A.	Hempstead	PAYTON, ENRYKA DANIELLE	Houston
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## *Physics Curriculum*

NYANDOTO, GILBERT OHURU	Prairie View
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# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### *Accounting Curriculum*

DIXON, BRIAN DUANE	Lewisville	MAGOTI, ZACHARY W.	Port Arthur
FIELDS, LATRINA	Prairie View	MARTIN II, ERIC WINDELL	Missouri City
JOHNICAN, SONCERIA KATRECE	Old Ocean	MILLER, COURTNEY T.	Houston
LUTON, TAMMESHIA JANA E	Tyler	PAGE, SUJUAN Y.	Texarkana
LYNCH, CHRISTINA M.	Houston	THORN, MELISSA A.	Nacogdoches

### *Administrative Information Systems Curriculum*

BREWINGTON, ERICA MICHELLE	Cedar Park	CROWE III, ALFRED	Hempstead
BRILEY III, JULIUS L.	Texarkana	DARGIN JR., JAMES F.	Houston
CARPENTER, CEDRIC E.	Fort Worth	DECUIR, DONOVAN KEITH	Houston
COLEMAN, TISHIA M.	Houston	DIXON, BRIAN D.	Lewisville

FISHER, SONDR A YVONNE	Prairie View	MENA, TOMEKA	Houston
HAYES, SHANNON N.	Prairie View	MILLER, COURTNEY T.	Houston
HEARN, CAROLYN NAKISH	Harker Heights	RIDGE, LORI KATHERYNE	Austin
HENDERSON, CHARLES WILLIAM	Houston	ROSS, MYESHA E.	Huntsville
JONES, ROLUNDA Q.	Karnack	SAMUEL, TONI DANIELLE	Beaumont
LYNCH, CHRISTINA M.	Houston	SIMPLES, DENISE LANELL	Humble
MCKNIGHT, FELICIA LYNETTE	Baytown	STILES, CLIFFORD MATTHEW	Killeen

### *Finance Curriculum*

HURST, LAMONIKA DENISE	Houston	THORN, MELISSA A.	Nacogdoches
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### *Management Curriculum*

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FOWLER II, EDDIE RAY	Port Arthur	SIMPLES, DENISE LANELL	Humble
GRIER, JUANITA LYNNETTE	Benton Harbor, MI	THOMAS, EMONI QUATE	Dallas
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RICHARD, WENDY N.	Houston		

### *Marketing Curriculum*

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APLON, VERONICA LOUISE	Beaumont	HENDERSON, MICHAEL	Killeen
BLAIR, NEITRA C.	Houston	JONES, CEDRIC LYN	Dallas
BROOKS, DWAINA L.	Prairie View	KING, AISHA	Cypress
CRAWFORD, QUSHANDA ROCHELLE	Bunkie, LA	LEWIS, TERRENCE JERARD	Austin
DEJOHN, LUCRETIA ROCHELLE	Port Arthur	SAMPSON, ERIKA E.	San Antonio
FALLS, ANGEL NICOLE	DeSoto	SAXTON, KEITH L.	Houston
GOODIE, CHAKORE D.	Houston	SIDDIQUI, ATIF WASIM	Houston
GORDON, WILLIAM R.	Greenville	TURNER, LASHONDA RHEA	Houston
GREEN, JASON A.	Houston	VANDERBILT, GLORIA ANNETTE	Prairie View
GUIDRY JR., JOHN M.	Houston	WAGNER, CECILY A.	Houston

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Health Curriculum*

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ALBERT, ALESHA T.	Houston	LACY, ARGANIOUS D.	Houston
BARAJAS, CEASAR FERNANDO	Houston	LOFTIS, DEVIN MICHELLE'	Houston
GAMBRELL, SETH BRICE	Downey, CA	LOTT, SONIA NICHOLE	Katy
HARRIS, LATOYA M.	Houston	POLK, ADRIEN YVETTE	Arlington
HINES, LANDREN JOSEPH	Sugarland	SMALL, LATOYA D'NETT	Dallas
HINES, LARISSA ALEACI	Houston	SMITH, RAHSAN J.	Katy
JACKSON, RONNIE J.	Houston	STRAUGHTER, KENYA RONELL	Prairie View
JETER, JA'NELL DOLORES	Prairie View		

#### *Human Performance Curriculum*

BARNES, JOSHUA B.	San Antonio	GLOVER, BRIAN LYTELL	New Roads, LA
FAULK, BECKY W.	Houston	GUILLORY, CURTIS J.	Missouri City
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### CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TECHNOLOGY

HARGROVE, MARLIN KINTE	Houston
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**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
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ANTKOWIAK, DOROTHY	Brenham	HERNANDEZ, MARIA YOLANDA	Houston
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BROWN, MONIQUA N.	Dallas	THOMAS, KATINA LYNETTE	Port Arthur
CARR, COURTNEY DANIELLE	Prairie View	VIRGIL, PATRICE CAMPBELL	Houston
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**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

*Computer Science Curriculum*

ALUKO, SIMISOLA	Arlington	PITTMAN, SHIRESSA M.	Fresno, CA
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CAIN, ANDRE T.	Houston	SHELTON, ERICA MONIQUE	Grand Prairie
HORACE, DAMESHA N.	Prairie View	STEWART, DONALE	Pontiac, MI
JACKSON, ATTACHE'	Houston	WALKER, TAMIKA RENAE	Lawrence, KS
JOHNSON, DERRICK	Fort Worth	WILLIS, AISHA S.	Houston

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GARNER, FAMOSE T.	Killeen	RICE, MENKITI N.	Dallas
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**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

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BIGHAM JR., GILBERT CHARLES	Houston	MCDONALD, KENDALL ELLIS	Killeen
CARTER, DIANE RENAE	Fort Worth	MOORE, EDWARD P.	Houston
DIMERY JR., CLARK	Killeen	RICHARD, CHARLESE CHERI	Houston
ELDER II, TOMMIE E.	Houston	SMITH III, PINK CHARLES	Pearland
GRIFFITH, KOREY L.	Nacogdoches	THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER EUNDRAD	Houston
GUIDRY III, GILBERT	Dallas	THOMAS, MYESHA D.	Prairie View
HAGEWOOD, MONICIA SHANCRA	Houston	VANDERBILT JR., ROBERT G.	Prairie View

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

AL-ZUABI, EMAD	Cypress	GREENWOOD, SHONTA' RENEE	Prairie View
FRANCIS, BENITA CELESTE	Missouri City	HACKETT, HOPE FRENCHELLE	Crockett
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ODIMA, EVALYN O.  
PRICE, STEPHEN CHASE  
ROBINSON, MIOSHA D.  
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Houston  
Houston  
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SOLOMON, TSEGAY  
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TAYLOR, EMANUEL  
WILSON JR., WELDON EUGENE

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Prairie View  
Spring  
Spring  
Houston

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

GREEN, ERIC DEMOND  
JOHNSON, CRISTAL MONET

Prairie View  
Austin

TAYLOR III, LESLEY M.

Dallas

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

### *Computer Aided Drafting and Design Curriculum*

CLOUGH, LAKWAN S.  
DALBOSCO, KEITH WAYNE

Marshall  
Magnolia

STEWART, AVA DEATRICE

Missouri City

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

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ELLIS, TAMEKA MICHELLE'  
HOUSTON JR., ROBERT FLETCHER

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Houston  
Houston  
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LOSTON, ANTHONY MARCQUAD  
MALVAIZ, JUAN EDUARDO  
MYLES, KEVIN L.  
WILLIAMS, ERYKA TOINEEL

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Waller  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Bunkie, LA

## SCHOOL OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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BAILEY, DEVIN DEVON DUPREE  
BAILEY JR., JOSEPH ANTHONY  
BRAXTON, BRENT  
CARPENTER, MERIDITH CHEVONNE  
DICKEY, KIMBERLY DELON

San Antonio  
Austin  
Magnolia  
Kendleton  
Prairie View  
Texas City

JOHNSON, COVELL W.  
JONES, CHANCELLO J'BRILLE  
LUCAS, SHELLI DEANNA  
ROBINSON, KIMBERLY MONIQUE  
SIMON, ANDREA GROMAINE  
TILLIS, DIETRICK S.

Austin  
Tyler  
Covina, CA  
Missouri City  
Hockley  
Fort Worth

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Psychology Curriculum*

ADAIR, ARNETTA SHARME  
ALLEN, SAMUEL DAVID  
BRADLEY, ABNESHIA  
DANIELS, DEONTA JAMEI  
ESTWICK, JENNIFER TULL  
FEGGINS, DANIELLE EMESHAKO'  
FRAZIER, SHANNON BERNADETTE  
FREEMAN, DAKENA ODUNOUY

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Texarkana  
Waukegan, IL  
Prairie View  
Houston  
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# 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

BARNETT, EBONY Y.  
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## Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90–4.00

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THOMAS, KATINA L.

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

BABBS, MEOSHA M.  
BALKA, CHARLES E.  
BIGHAM JR., GILBERT C.  
BURNEY, KAREEM S.  
CURTIS, JEREMY L.  
DUNKLEY, KINGSLEY D.  
EPPS, CAMITRIA N.  
GOLDEN, CHARLENE R.  
GREEN, ERIC D.  
MOORE, EDWARD P.

## Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70–3.89

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SOLOMON, TSEGAY  
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LYNCH, CHRISTINA M.  
MCGINTY, RYAN J.  
MILBOURNE, DANA L.

## Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50–3.69

NYANDOTO, GILBERT O.  
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SHELTON, ERICA M.  
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YATES, CHARLES W.  
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## COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

CAIN, SHANEKIA S., Second Lieutenant  
Army Nurse Corps, Active Duty, Fort Worth, TX

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Field Artillery, Immediate Active Duty, Waukegan, IL

GAVILAN, TATIANA L., Second Lieutenant  
Chemical Corps, Active Duty, Kempner, TX

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Signal Corps, Active Duty, Round Rock, TX

LATSON, TERRANCE R., Second Lieutenant  
Quartermaster Corps, Active Duty, Dallas, TX

OLIVER, STEVEN M., Second Lieutenant  
Corps of Engineers, Immediate Active Duty, Sierra Vista, AZ

O'NEAL, PHILLIP J., Second Lieutenant  
Adjutant General Corps, Reserve Forces Duty, Houston, TX

PAYTON, MELISSA M., Second Lieutenant  
Chemical Corps, Immediate Active Duty, Baysprings, MS

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

BALKA, CHARLES E., Ensign  
Nuclear Power, Active Duty Reserve, Houston, TX.

SIMON, ANDREA, Second Lieutenant  
U.S. Marine Corps, Jacksonville, 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 of head pieces replacing the mortar board. Some of the velvet tams are brilliantly colored such as orange or bright blue.

The tassel on the doctor's cap is usually gold, and permanently fastened on the left side. The master's cap has a black tassel worn on the left. The bachelor's cap has a black tassel worn on the right prior to graduation then moved to the left during the ceremony.

The hood can be the most colorful part of the entire costume. The colors inside the hood are those of the college or university which is awarding the degree. The colors of the outside rim of the hood symbolizes one of the following departments of learning:

Agriculture	Maize	Medicine	Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Music	Pink
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Drab	Nursing	Apricot
Dentistry	Lilac	Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Economics	Copper	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Education	Light Blue	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Engineering	Orange	Physical Education	Sage Green
Fine Arts, including Architecture	Brown	Public Administration, including	
Forestry	Russett	Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Geography	Blue and Green	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Home Economics	Golden Yellow	Science	Golden Yellow
Journalism	Crimson	Social Work	Citron
Industrial Education	Light Blue	Technology	Golden Yellow
Law	Purple	Theology	Scarlet
Library Science	Lemon	Veterinary Science	Gray

The gown is usually black. The traditional doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the regular sleeves. The master's gown has no velvet, but does have unusually long sleeves. The bachelor's gown is similar to the master's gown but has regular long sleeves which tend to be pointed.

Some gowns may be in the color of the department granting the degree, such as "Education Blue." Others may be "Yale Blue" or "Harvard Crimson" for the graduates of these universities.

## THE MACE

The mace is an ancient symbol of authority which is carried by the marshal ahead of the academic procession. The mace for Prairie View A&M University is four feet long and contains four bronze figures atop a Honduras mahogany base which tapers to fit into its stand. The four figures are symbolic of the four undergraduate academic years. Within the hollow area beneath the figures, and shared equally, is a flame which denotes knowledge and excellence. The base which serves as a grip and is carried by a faculty member, symbolizes the entire faculty; the stand which supports the mace characterizes the administration. The visual impact of the mace as a whole is "torch-like." The eight tassels represent the academic organization of the University.

## THE MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, the official symbol of the Office of the President at Prairie View A&M University, was created especially to commemorate the lineage of the Presidency by the late Mr. Frank Hayden, nationally famous sculptor and Professor of Fine Arts at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The first medallion was presented to Dr. Percy A. Pierre, fourth president of Prairie View A&M University, on March 21, 1985.

The medallion is designed to be worn with academic regalia at all official University programs. Abstract figures, representing the ten academic disciplines in an attitude of celebration, encircle the outer rim. The inner circle symbolizes the pursuit of excellence throughout four years of teaching and learning. The weave of the chain is the facsimile of that used by the ancient Greeks.

A replica will be presented to each subsequent President during his inauguration. The medallion will ultimately reflect the history of the presidency, revealing names and dates of inauguration.



## **Rear Admiral Osie V. Combs, Jr., United States Navy, Retired**

Rear Admiral Osie V. Combs, Jr., United States Navy, having completed more than 28 years of active duty service, retired from the military in October 1999.

After retirement, Rear Admiral Combs has started his own company, The VITEC Group, and is the Chief Operating Officer of the his parent company, The CITADEL Group.

A 1967 graduate of Texas City High School, Combs received his BS Electrical Engineering from Prairie View A&M University in 1971 and his MS Mechanical Engineering and Engineers Degree (a post masters degree) in Naval Architecture from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1977. He is also a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College and the Program for Executives at Carnegie Mellon University.

RADM Combs last military assignment was Deputy Commander for Logistics, Maintenance and Industrial Operations at Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, VA. His previous headquarters assignments included the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, CA, where he served tours as Vice Commander, Chief Engineer and Command, Control, Computers, Communications, Intelligence and Reconnaissance Director; and the Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, VA, where he served in several assignments within the SEAWOLF (Attack Submarine) Program Office. While in the SEAWOLF Program Office, he served as Program Manager for the Large Scale Vehicle; next as Assistant Program Manager for the SEAWOLF Program as its Design and Construction Manager; and, finally, as the Major Program Manager.

RADM Combs completed field tours of duty as the SEAWOLF Project Officer at the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Groton, CT, and as the Los Angeles Class Submarine Assistant Project Officer at the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA. He also completed a tour at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Norfolk, VA. RADM Combs' sea duty included tours on USS CORAL SEA (CVA43); USS PROTEUS (AS19); and USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN 624-Gold).

Combs has been awarded numerous military and civilian awards. Some of the most noted include: Most Outstanding Engineering Graduate from Prairie View A&M University in 1971; Outstanding Engineer for 1971 by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers; 1990 Engineer of the Year (National Recognition) by Career Communications Group, Inc. Combs serves on the Board of Directors of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Board of Directors for Education Express, Inc.



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May 12, 2001

Dear Graduates,


Today is the culmination of many years of hard work, and I am honored to add my congratulations to those of your family and friends.

Prairie View A&M University's history is rich with the tradition of excellence. You, as graduates of this institution, carry that success into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With the diploma you receive today comes a responsibility to live up to the high standards of those who have gone before you and to set a positive example for those who will follow.

As educated citizens of our world, you have the opportunity to surpass current achievements in education, technology, industry, and the arts. You have the ability to lead competently and the ability to follow supportively. Your chosen communities will depend on you to step forward whenever volunteers for service to your fellow citizens are needed. You can walk the well-worn path or, in the words of Robert Frost, take "the one less traveled" and choose to make a difference for future generations.

I congratulate you on your graduation from Prairie View A&M University and wish you success, knowing that you are well equipped to face the future.

All the best,

  
Howard D. Graves  
Chancellor

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#### Universities

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May 12, 2001

Dear Graduates:

As we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association welcomes you today as alumni and simultaneously congratulates you on your accomplishments achieved through earning a Bachelor's degree from our great institution.

Graduation, with its pomp and circumstance, allows family and friends to gather in your honor to recognize and celebrate this memorable event. Graduation, more important, represents a personal milestone for which you can be most proud.

Prairie View A&M University has made a difference in your lives and it is expected that you will make a difference in our world. In the great PV tradition, go out and be an example of a "First Class Alumnus" by displaying EXCELLENCE in whatever you do--wherever you find yourself.

May good fortune be yours as you exemplify that Prairie View Produces Productive People.

Sincerely,

Opal Johnson Smith  
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*

## RETIRING STAFF & FACULTY

MR. VERNELL AKINS, Program Aide, Agriculture, Bowie County- Cooperative Extension Program, 29 years service  
MS. BETTY BRANCH, Custodial Services, 13 years service  
MR. REGINALD BROOKS, Maintenance Department, 26 years service  
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