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Prairie View A&M University

The Texas A&M University System
Prairie View, Texas

One Hundred-Twelfth Year

Commencement Convocation

(The Eightieth Summer Commencement)



Health and Physical Education Building
Sunday Morning, August Twelfth
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety
Ten-Thirty O'Clock

To Our Guests

Commencement is a significant and solemn event, the recognition of years of study. To make it more meaningful for all, guests and participants are requested to avoid unnecessary conversation and movement during the exercises.

It is requested that applause be withheld during the presentation of degrees until each degree group has been acknowledged and the candidates have returned to their seats.

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

Finally, an Emergency Medical Services station, manned by University personnel, is located at the northwest side of the Field House. Please ask an usher for assistance.

The Commencement Program

*Presiding: General Julius W. Becton, Jr.
President, Prairie View A&M University*

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| Prelude | Dr. Danny R. Kelley <i>Organist</i> |
| The Convocation Procession | |
| Commentator for the Procession | Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith <i>Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages</i> |
| Academic Processional: "War March of the Priests" (Athalia) | <i>Felix Mendelssohn</i> Dr. Danny R. Kelley, <i>Organist</i> |
| Marshal | |
| Vice-President for Academic Affairs | |
| Faculty | |
| Candidates for Degrees in the Graduate School | |
| Candidates for Degrees in the College of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology | |
| 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 and Architecture | |
| Candidates for Degrees in the College of Nursing | |
| President's Party | |
| Invocation | The Reverend W. Van Johnson <i>Dean, University Chapel</i> |
| Posting of the Colors | |
| Music: "How Great Thou Art" | The Audience |
| Welcome | Mr. A. Ramon Thomas <i>President, Student Government Association</i> |
| | Mrs. H. Olivette Higgs <i>President, Faculty Senate</i> |
| Greetings from the Texas A&M University System | Mr. Bill C. Presnal <i>Vice-Chancellor for State Affairs</i> |
| Greetings from the Board of Regents | Mr. Raul B. Fernandez <i>Member, TAMUS Board of Regents</i> |
| Music: "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands" | <i>Margaret Bonds</i> Ms. Belinda L. Coney, <i>Mezzo-Soprano</i> |
| Introduction of the Speaker | President Julius W. Becton, Jr. |
| Commencement Address | Dr. William H. Harris <i>President, Texas Southern University</i> |

Music: "When I Get Home" *Edward Boatner*
Ms. Belinda L. Coney

**Presentation of the Deans
of the Undergraduate College** Dr. Milton R. Bryant
Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Candidates from:

The College of Applied Sciences
and Engineering Technology Dean Hakumat Israni, Ph.D.

The College of Arts and Sciences Dean Edward W. Martin, Ph.D.

The College of Business Dean Barbara P. Jones, Ph.D.

The College of Education Dean M. Paul Mehta, Ed.D.

The College of Engineering and Architecture Interim Dean Marshall V. Brown, P.E.

The College of Nursing Interim Dean Darimell Waugh, M.S.N.

The Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees President Julius W. Becton, Jr.

Presentation of the Dean of the Graduate School Dr. Milton R. Bryant

**Presentation of Candidates
from the Graduate School** Dean Arthur C. Washington, Ph.D.

The Conferring of Graduate Degrees President Julius W. Becton, Jr.

Remarks and Acknowledgements President Julius W. Becton, Jr.

Alma Mater: "Dear Prairie View" *Fuller-Sibelius*

Retiring of the Colors

Benediction The Reverend W. Van Johnson

Recessional: "Pomp and Circumstance" *Edward Elgar*
(Audience Seated)

The Texas A&M University System

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| | |
|---|--------------------|
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| <i>Vice-Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction</i> | Wesley E. Peel |
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| <i>Vice-Chancellor for State Affairs</i> | Bill C. Presnal |

Prairie View A&M University

Administrative Officers

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
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| M. Paul Mehta | <i>Dean, College of Education</i> |
| Jewel Prestage | <i>Interim Dean, Banneker Honors College</i> |
| Arthur C. Washington | <i>Dean, Graduate School</i> |
| Darimell Waugh | <i>Interim Dean, College of Nursing</i> |

Candidates for Degrees¹

College of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Computer Science Curriculum

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Al-Thami, Salah M. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Brooks, Clay | <i>Houston</i> |
| Wilder, Sharon D. | <i>Waco</i> |
| Williams, Dina F. | <i>Chicago, IL</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Agricultural Economics Curriculum

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Blake, Everard S. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Francis, Glen R. | <i>Kingston, Jamaica</i> |
| Malone, Allen A. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Sayers, Dave M. | <i>Ryebrook, NY</i> |
| Williamson, Veronica P. | <i>Houston</i> |

Agricultural Education Curriculum

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Thibodeaux, Danny | <i>Katy</i> |
|-------------------|-------------|

Agricultural Engineering Curriculum

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Harris, Ernett A. | <i>Prairie View</i> |
|-------------------|---------------------|

Agronomy Curriculum

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Shorunke, David O. | <i>Houston</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|

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

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Hadnot, Dynetro | <i>Jasper</i> |
| Lockett, Adrian L. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Singleton, Joyse D. | <i>Atlanta, GA</i> |
| Washington, Terrance E. | <i>Houston</i> |

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

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Levi, Reginauld C. | <i>Bay City</i> |
| Smith, Anthony J. | <i>Galveston</i> |
| Smith, Jeneen R. | <i>Fort Worth</i> |
| Turner, Jr., Allen | <i>Fort Worth</i> |
| Ware, Paul | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| Whorton, Michael D. | <i>San Antonio</i> |

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 in Home Economics

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Lampkin, Rhonda Y. | <i>Lubbock</i> |
| Whitaker, Phelicia W. | <i>Odessa</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Bell, Broderick L. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Cotton, William H. | <i>Dallas</i> |
| Foley, Alvin R. | <i>Houston</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Ball, Harvey W. | <i>Houston</i> |
|-----------------|----------------|

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

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Johnson, Ronald T. | <i>Hearne</i> |
|--------------------|---------------|

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Vocational Industrial Education

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Gillum, Johnnie E. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Releford, Louizer | <i>Houston</i> |

College of Arts and Sciences

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Communications Curriculum

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Aubrey, Darrell W. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Baltrip, Kimetris N. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Boatner, Carla P. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Olusesi, Mutiat A. | <i>Houston</i> |

Communications-Journalism Curriculum

| | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Sleeman, Diana C. | <i>Hockley</i> |
| Turner, Rebecca L. | <i>Albuquerque, NM</i> |

Communications-Radio/TV Curriculum

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Dunn, Darren C. | <i>Missouri City</i> |
| Hollins, Anita M. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Johnson, Les W. | <i>Silver Spring, MD</i> |
| Mellieon, Laura L. | <i>San Antonio</i> |

Drama Curriculum

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Cooper, Eric A. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Dargins, Tyrone L. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Fuentes, Adan A. | <i>Pharr</i> |
| Hogan, Troy | <i>Houston</i> |
| Ridge, Monique L. | <i>Dallas</i> |

English Curriculum

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Benjamin, Shirley A. | <i>Bellville</i> |
|----------------------|------------------|

Political Science Curriculum

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Morgan, Ray-Nita L. | <i>Garland</i> |
| Sanders, Sonya D. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Smith, Maurina L. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Watkins, Craig M. | <i>Houston</i> |

Sociology Curriculum

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Henderson, Adrienne R. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Johnson, Felicia M. | <i>Houston</i> |

Spanish Curriculum

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Cantrell, Barbara G. | <i>Waller</i> |
|----------------------|---------------|

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Allen, Angela A. | <i>Hubbard</i> |
| Carter, Terri L. | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| Dyson, Sharon L. | <i>Fayetteville, NC</i> |
| Jeffery, Jacqueline D. | <i>Hockley</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Biology Curriculum

| | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Selkridge, George M. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Thompson, Marcel D. | <i>Missouri City</i> |

Chemistry Curriculum

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Broussard, Varlette D. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Roney, Vincent E. | <i>Dallas</i> |

Mathematics Curriculum

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Burse, Kimberly M. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Corzine, Jr., Jimmy | <i>Hempstead</i> |
| Dalco, Bryan K. | <i>Baumont</i> |
| Flakes, Cheryl E. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Merchant, Monica M. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Wilkerson, Sylvia H. | <i>Houston</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Aguilar, Joann | <i>Houston</i> |
| Brown, Rhonda L. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Bryant, Tyson O. | <i>Bellville</i> |
| Douglas, Davanian T. | <i>Fort Worth</i> |
| Garrett, Byron R. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Hubbard, Cetric L. | <i>Kountze</i> |
| Hudson, Chrisler F. | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| Washington, Bea L. | <i>Houston</i> |

College of Business

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting Curriculum

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Hopkins, II, Harold | <i>Dallas</i> |
| Morgan, Gennifer | <i>Houston</i> |
| Sadberry, Steven D. | <i>Austin</i> |

Finance Curriculum

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Bisong, Beatrice M. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Draper, Leanna E. | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| Lawal, Tiri G. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Singleton, Ryan C. | <i>New Orleans, LA</i> |

Management Curriculum

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Akasheh, Mazen Y. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Bennett, Suritha L. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Bryant, Terrence J. | <i>Indianapolis, IN</i> |
| Ford, Calvin K. | <i>Dallas</i> |
| Gibbs, Billy W. | <i>Midland</i> |
| Hawkins, Carlette Y. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Landry, June Barton | <i>Hockley</i> |
| Nealy, Lisa R. | <i>Houston</i> |
| O'Neal, Mark S. | <i>Chicago, IL</i> |
| Sirleaf, Kanfee Y. | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| Smith, Wendell | <i>New Orleans, LA</i> |
| Thompson, Colette D. | <i>College Station</i> |

Marketing Curriculum

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Baity, Harvey S. | <i>Jackson, MS</i> |
| Cawthorne, Shana D. | <i>Dallas</i> |
| Giles, Reginald | <i>Wharton</i> |
| McGraw, Rhonda R. | <i>Dallas</i> |
| McGraw, Shonda K. | <i>Dallas</i> |
| Spencer, Roscoe E. | <i>Houston</i> |

College of Education

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Health and Human Performance Curriculum

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Bagby, Jr., James C. | <i>Brenham</i> |
| Richard, Jr., Charley E. | <i>Prairie View</i> |

Psychology Curriculum

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Harris, Patricia L. | <i>Odessa</i> |
| Jackson, Shirley M. | <i>Brenham</i> |
| Jones, Jacquelyn L. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Morgan, Adam L. | <i>Bremond</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education

Elementary Education Curriculum

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Brown, Veda E. | <i>Galveston</i> |
| Davies, Elizabeth M. | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| Eckermann, Brenda K. | <i>Brenham</i> |
| Neal, Rita D. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Sayles, Charlotte Y. | <i>Waller</i> |
| Shepherd, Kimberly D. | <i>Webster</i> |

College of Engineering and Architecture

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Architecture

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Elizondo, Ruben J. | <i>Cypress</i> |
| Graham, Michael J. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Ogbuefi, Vincent I. | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| Perrodin, Lauri L. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Reed, Myrtha L. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Saqer, Nidal A. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Suleiman, Ishneiwer B. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Valentine, Kevin L. | <i>Houston</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Bisong, Charlz T. | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| Golakai, Emmanuel G. | <i>Waller</i> |
| McCoy, Thaddeus D. | <i>Houston</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Alyasin, Noman M. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Egbuonu, Zephyrinus C. | <i>Arlington</i> |
| Nabbout, Toufic J. | <i>Houston</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Abbey, John | <i>Houston</i> |
| Blaibleh, Nidal R. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Chabayta, Jawdat F. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Davis, Oscar W. | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| El-Dakak, Mohammad A. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Haj-Moh'd, Raed O. | <i>Houston</i> |
| Haj-Moh'd, Shawqi O. | <i>Houston</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| McDaniel, Rolunda M. | <i>Port Arthur</i> |
| Simon, Enrique J. | <i>Russellville, AR</i> |

Benjamin Banneker Honors College Graduates

The following students have attained their degrees by completing Banneker Honors College Program requirements:

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Abbey, John | <i>Houston</i> | Electrical Engineering |
| Davis, Oscar W. | <i>Prairie View</i> | Electrical Engineering |
| Hopkins, II, Harold | <i>Dallas</i> | Accounting |

Graduating with Academic Honors

Honor recognition at graduation is based on consistent high scholarship and cumulative grade point averages earned at Prairie View A&M University. To be eligible for graduation with honors, a student must have received no failing grades and must complete the last sixty (60) semester hours in residence at Prairie View A&M University.

Magna Cum Laude Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70-3.89

Benjamin, Shirley
Eckermann, Brenda

Cum Laude Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50-3.69

Davies, Elizabeth
Draper, Leanna
Turner, Rebecca

Graduate School

College of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Education

Agricultural Education

Gardiner, Carl L. *Jamaica, W.I.*
BS in Agriculture, Prairie
View A&M University, 1988

Industrial Education

Kelly, Lena V. *Port Arthur*
BS, Lamar University, 1980

Mayo, Kenneth D. *Baytown*
BA, Free Will Baptist Bible
College, 1976

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

Agricultural Economics

Brown, Jennifer M. *Jamaica, W.I.*
BS in Agriculture, Prairie
View A&M University, 1989

Matthews, Alphonso K. *Prairie View*
BBA, University of Liberia, 1980

Animal Science

Hutchinson, Dencle Martin *Prairie View*
BS in Agriculture, Prairie
View A&M University, 1988

Kadigun, Fatah O. *Houston*
BS, Prairie View A&M
University, 1987

Kouassi, Marcel A. *Ivory Coast, W.A.*
BS in Agriculture, Prairie
View A&M University, 1988

Home Economics

Cyrus, Minnie E. *Prairie View*
MEd., Prairie View
A&M University, 1970

Soil Science

Lambert, Hugh B. *Prairie View*
BS in Agriculture, Prairie
View A&M University, 1989

Nwambuonwo, Emmanuel *Prairie View*
BS in Agriculture, Prairie
View A&M University, 1988

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Education

Agricultural Education

Romans, Keith A. *Prairie View*
BS in Agriculture, Prairie
View A&M University, 1988

Industrial Education

Frazee, Rory C. *Houston*
BS in Ind. Ed., State University of
New York College at Oswego, 1976

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Home Economics

Hamilton, Lilieth A. *Houston*
BS, Tuskegee Institute, 1983

Walker, Fay Almon *Jamaica, W.I.*
BSHE, Prairie View
A&M University, 1986

College of Arts and Sciences

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts

Sociology

Andrews, Debra A. *Houston*
BA, University of St. Thomas, 1980

Barron-Washington, Charlotte *Missouri City*
BA, University of Houston, 1985

Crockett, Charles E. *Prairie View*
BA, Prairie View
A&M University, 1975

Haynes, Richard B. *Houston*
BSLE, Prairie View
A&M University, 1989

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

Biology

White, Philip H. *Houston*
BS, University of Houston, 1987

Chemistry

Benjamin, Vaurance J. *Houston*
BA, Prairie View
A&M University, 1988

Mathematics

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Azubuike, Iheany C. BSME, Prairie View A&M University, 1986 | <i>Anaheim, CA</i> |
| Brown, Phyllis BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1987 | <i>Hooks</i> |
| Lewis, Lovie B.S. in Ed., Prairie View A&M University, 1975 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Reed, Pamelyn J. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1987 | <i>Prairie View</i> |
| Williams, Michael R. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1985 | <i>Houston</i> |

College of Education

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Education

Counseling

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Anderson, Jr., Willie BRE, Bay Ridge Christian College, 1983 | <i>Miami, FL</i> |
| Bill, Thelma McCrory BBA, Lamar State College, 1975 | <i>Beaumont</i> |
| Batson, Cheryl Rogers BS, University of Texas, 1969 | <i>Bellville</i> |
| Campbell, Joe A. BS, Paul Quinn College, 1971 | <i>Waco</i> |
| Carroll-Gaines, Jacqueline BS, Paul Quinn College, 1983 | <i>Waco</i> |
| Green, Bonnie J. AB in Ed., University of Kentucky, 1967 | <i>Houston</i> |
| LeBlanc, Patricia Honore' BS in Ed., Lamar State College, 1974 | <i>Beaumont</i> |
| Luquette, Carla Saddoris BA, Morningside College, 1984 | <i>Porter</i> |

Mack, Vineta L. *Hearne*
BS, Texas Women's University,
1984

Maddox, Iris C. *Houston*
MEd., Prairie View A&M
University, 1984

Schurman, Linda Forrest *Houston*
BS, Southwest Texas State
University, 1981

Curriculum and Instruction

Jasper, Mickey L. *Prairie View*
BS, Southern Arkansas
University, 1985

Educational Media and Technology

Dotson, Eunice A. *Houston*
BS in Ed., Texas Southern
University, 1972

Flakes, Dorothy L. *Seguin*
BA, Our Lady of the Lake, 1965

Nichols, Alice F. *Richmond*
BS, Prairie View A. and M.
College, 1970

Elementary Education

Baker, Patricia A. *Baytown*
BS in Ed., Prairie View A&M
University, 1984

Rhodes, Shirley J. *Houston*
BS in Ed., Prairie View A&M
University, 1974

Smith, Sylvia DeJohn *Port Arthur*
BS in Ed., Prairie View A&M
University, 1983

Williams-Reed, Monet C. *Houston*
BSHE, Prairie View A&M
University, 1986

Williams-Howard, Monique C. *Houston*
BSHE, Prairie View A&M
University, 1986

Instructional Supervision

Amons, Judy Shankle *Beaumont*
BS, Lamar University, 1983

Gilbert, Maxine Broussard *Beaumont*
BA, Wiley College, 1965

Green, Doris Barnes *Houston*
BS in Ed., Southwest Texas State
University, 1971

Reading Education

Kromah, Tata F. *Cypress*
BS, Prairie View A&M
University, 1985

Leggio, Judith A. *Cypress*
AB, Occidental College, 1974

Smith, Frederick C. *Houston*
BS, University of Houston, 1977

Taylor, Grace E. *Houston*
BS, Arkansas Baptist College,
1973

Walker, Dianne H. *Waller*
BS, Prairie View A&M
University, 1982

School Administration

Abdul-Jabbar, Jamil *Beaumont*
BS, Lamar University, 1984

Adams, Kymberli C. *Houston*
BS, Murray State University, 1982

Barnes, Diane P. *Missouri City*
BS, Texas College, 1980

Colvin, Jeanette Albrecht *Houston*
BS, Southwest Texas State
College, 1966

Edwards, Terry M. *Houston*
BA, Texas Lutheran College, 1979

Grabois, Melissa Bond *Houston*
BS, Texas A&M University, 1984

Grant, Brenda Spencer *Spring*
BS, University of Houston, 1975

Jones, Mary A. *China*
BS, Bishop College, 1973

Levens, David R. *Houston*
BS, Texas Tech University, 1970

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Masek, Richard D. BS, Southwest Texas State University, 1982 | <i>Orchard</i> |
| Morgan, Michael W. BS, Tarleton State University, 1973 | <i>Elgin</i> |
| Oliver, Sheryl L. BS, Texas Southern University, 1973 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Phillips, Joyce M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1981 | <i>Spring</i> |
| Signor, Daniel K. BBA, Texas A&M University, 1977 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Simple, Sr., Michael W. BS, University of Houston, 1976 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Slaughter, Steven D. BS, Tarleton State University, 1982 | <i>Waco</i> |
| Spaeth, Leslie E. BA, Baldwin-Wallace College, 1972 | <i>Katy</i> |
| Stoss, Robert S. BS, Texas A&M University, 1983 | <i>Houston</i> |
| White, Everett L. BS in Ed., Prairie View A&M University, 1989 | <i>San Antonio</i> |
| White, Sr., Tommy J. BS, Lamar University, 1980 | <i>Beaumont</i> |
| Williams, Jimmy W. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1980 | <i>Cypress</i> |
| <i>Special Education</i> | |
| Boatner, Rinda L. BS, Lamar University, 1979 | <i>Beaumont</i> |
| Borders, John S. BA, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1985 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Campbell, Janet BA, Texas Southern University, 1976 | <i>Houston</i> |

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| Franklin, Janice M. BS in Ed., Prairie View A. and M. College, 1970 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Harris, Ella M. BA, Texas Southern University, 1973 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Hartnett, Brenda Blum BAT, Sam Houston State College, 1971 | <i>Kenney</i> |
| Ingram, Mickey Reynolds BS, Alcorn College, 1971 | <i>Channelview</i> |
| Moaning, Mary F. BSHE, Prairie View A&M University, 1979 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Shelton, Evelyn Conner BA, Wiley College, 1981 | <i>Hockley</i> |
| Tatum, Cynthia Wilson BS in Ed., Paul Quinn College, 1978 | <i>Waco</i> |
| Truesdale, Mae E. BS in Ed., Prairie View A&M University, 1985 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Walls, Constance M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1973 | <i>Houston</i> |

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Education

Physical Education

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| McElreath, James L. BBA, Southwest Texas State University, 1987 | <i>Brenham</i> |
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College of Engineering and Architecture

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Engineering

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| Ekhlassi, Ali A. M of Engr., College of Polytechnic Technology, 1971 | <i>Houston</i> |
| Saneifard, Seyedrasoul BSEE, Prairie View A&M University, 1988 | <i>Prairie View</i> |

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 the 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 are awarding the degree. The colors of the outside rim of the hood symbolizes one of the following departments of learning:

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| 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 a 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.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, How great thou art!

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 Faculty and Staff

Dr. Lloyd R. Boyden, *Associate Professor*, Department of Industrial Education, 33 Years of Service.

Dr. Jean Carter, *Associate Professor*, Department of English and Foreign Languages, 18 Years of Service.

Mr. Charles E. Thompson, *Assistant Director of Housing*, Department of Student Life, 21 1/2 Years of Service.

Mrs. Bernice Vanduren, *Stenographer*, Department of Biology, 21 Years of Service.

Convocation Marshal

Dr. Marion Henry

Commencement Committee

Dr. Marion Henry, *Chairman*
Mrs. Pauline D. Bonner, *Co-Chairman*
Mr. Hubert D. Smith, *Co-Chairman*
Dr. Lee Henderson, *Co-Chairman*
Mr. Frederick V. Roberts, *Co-Chairman*
Dr. Flossie M. Byrd
Dr. Clarissa Booker
Dr. Delilia Diggs
Mr. William Chapman

Mrs. Vicki Minor
Dr. Lucius Wyatt
Mr. Samuel Montgomery
Dr. Arthur Washington
Dr. Charles T. Edwards
The Reverend W. Van Johnson
Ms. Lucretria Holloway*
Ms. Jacquitta Duncan*
Dr. Edward Martin, *Ex-Officio Member*

*Student