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# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

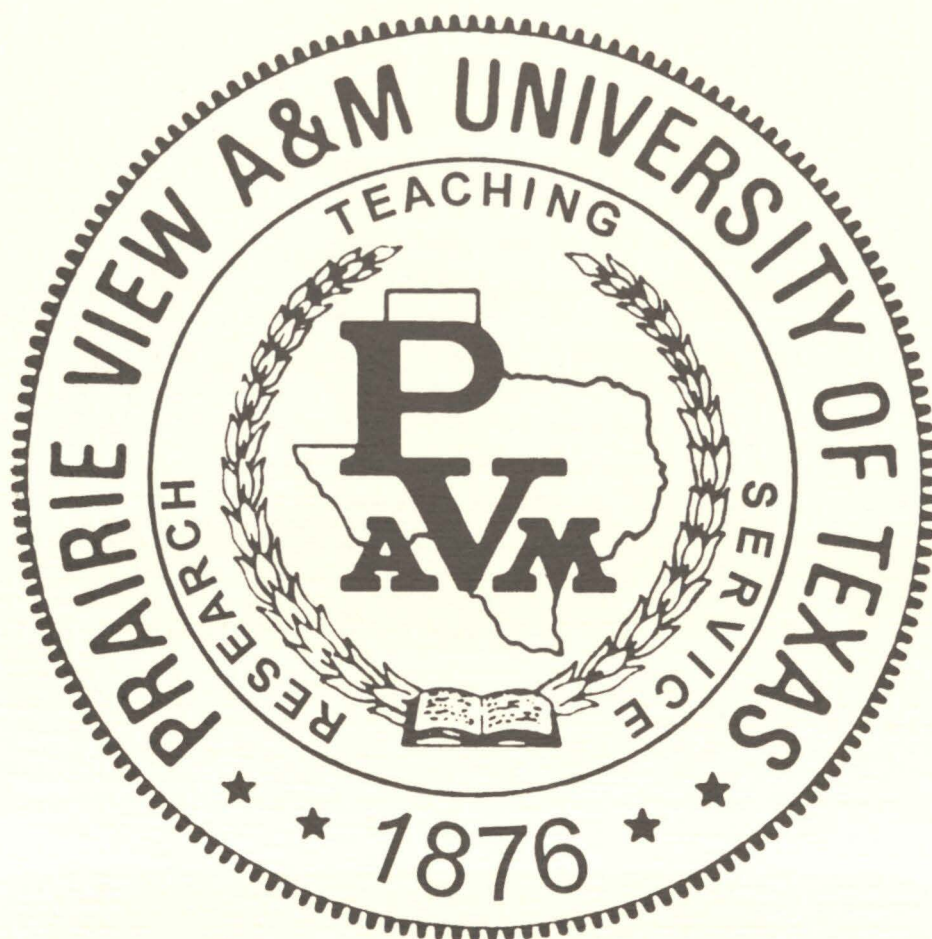
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

## COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

(THE SECOND FALL COMMENCEMENT)



WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING  
SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER THIRTEENTH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN  
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

## THE CONVOCAATION PROCESSION

COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCESSION ..... Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL: "War March of the Priests" (Athalia) ..... *Felix Mendelssohn*  
Dr. Danny R. Kelley, Organist  
Dr. Marion Henry, Marshal

Marshal

The Dean of Benjamin Banneker Honors College

Faculty

Candidates for Degrees in the Graduate School

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences

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 Charles H. Lewter, Jr.  
Dean, University Chapel

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

## GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS

AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ..... Dr. Dionel E. Aviles  
Member, TAMUS Board of Regents

GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ..... Dr. C. Roland Haden  
Vice Chancellor for Engineering and  
Director, Texas Engineering Experiment Station

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR ..... President Charles A. Hines

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Dr. Gloria R. Smith  
Vice President for Programs  
W.K. Kellogg Foundation  
Battle Creek, Michigan

MUSIC: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" ..... *arranged by Peter Wilhousky*

THE UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHORALE

*Accompanied by*

THE UNIVERSITY BRASS ENSEMBLE

Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Conducting

PRESENTATION OF THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL ..... Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL ..... Dean Willie Trotty, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF THE DEANS

OF THE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE ..... Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM:

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

AND HUMAN SCIENCES ..... Dean Elizabeth Noel, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ..... Dean Edward W. Martin, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ..... Interim Dean David Kruegel, Ph.D.

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

THE COLLEGE OF

ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE ..... Dean Milton Bryant, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING ..... Dean Dollie Brathwaite, Ph.D.

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

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

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

(Audience Seated)

# THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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ELIZABETH NOEL .....	Dean, College of Agriculture and Human Sciences
JEWEL PRESTAGE .....	Dean, Benjamin Banneker Honors College
WILLIE TROTTY .....	Dean, Graduate School

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

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### *Sociology Curriculum*

FAULK, INGRID KAY Houston

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

BERRY, ANDREA YVONNE	Houston	KING, MARVIA ALMARINE	Hempstead
CARAWAY, KENDRA ROSHANA	Houston	LITTLEJOHN, MARSHA DIONE	Hempstead
CARTER, ANDREA L.	Houston	MACK, SHUNTA MONIQUE	Prairie View
EBOW, MALIKA TASHEA	San Antonio	ROBERSON, TERESA D.	Cypress
FOREMAN, TESHA SHERIE	Port Arthur	WEST, EDWINA RENEE	Fort Worth
GUILLAMONDEGUI, SALLY JEAN	Houston		

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

#### *Agriculture & Human Resources*

ALLEY, JASON WELDON	Houston	NELSON, MARCY ANN	Bay City
FORGE, DERRICK LEE JACKSON	Mexia	WOODSON, PATRICK A.	Houston

#### *Agricultural Economics Curriculum*

THOMAS, ROLAND LAMONT Hempstead

#### *Animal Science Curriculum*

JOSEY-BROWN, TARA EVETT	Houston	STEWART, PHYLISS D.	Orange
SIMMONS, ARDELL S.	Houston		

#### *Agronomy Curriculum*

BROWN, LOWELL PATRICK	Cold Spring	BULGIN, AINSLEY H.	Jamaica
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### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS

#### *Human Nutrition and Food Curriculum*

BAILEY, ROSE MARIE	Prairie View	LEWIS, KINO RACINE	Houston
BRANCH, ANGELA L.	Houston	WILBARGER, TONI L.	Austin

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Biology Curriculum*

ABDUL-HAKEEM, NAJLA RASHIDAH	Beaumont	CASHAW, LORENZA GAMAIL	Houston
ATSKE, MULU	Prairie View	COBBS, KIMBERLY DAWN	Dallas
BRIGGS, KATINA RACHELLE	Beaumont	COHEN, KALON TODD	Prairie View

<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.

‡ The burgundy and gray cord represents undergraduate candidates graduating from the Benjamin Banneker Honors College.

FOREMAN, LEON  
 GULLEY, YVETTE RENEE  
 HALL, LUCIANA ESTELLA  
 HARRIS, LASHAWNDA YVETTE  
 JACKSON, KIMBERLY ROCHELLE  
 JEFFERSON, REGINALD GERARD  
 MARSHALL, MOSHA RENA  
 NANCE, CHARLINDA AUDLICE  
 NAYLOR, PHYLICIA A.  
 RICHARDSON, KEVIN  
 RIVETTE, ADRIENNE DIONNE

Pearland  
 Mobile, AL  
 Houston  
 Houston  
 Prairie View  
 Angelton  
 Houston  
 San Antonio  
 Hempstead  
 Houston  
 Beaumont

ROSS, FELISIA SHAUNTA  
 SPARKS, KARLA HOFFMAN  
 SHOBE, SHERLINDA LYNN  
 SIMMONS, CELESTE ADRIANE  
 SIMMONS, VIVIAN YVONNE  
 WATTS, TAMI MICHELE  
 WILLIAMS, SHAE M.  
 WILSON, SYDNEY AKO  
 WILSON, MARIA FAIDA  
 WRIGHT, SHARON ARNETTE

Palmdale, CA  
 Pinehurst  
 Indianapolis, IN  
 Pittsburg  
 Pittsburg  
 Fort Worth  
 Houston  
 Prairie View  
 Prairie View  
 Missouri City

### *Chemistry Curriculum*

BONSU, ERIC OSEI-TUTU  
 CHIN, TENNETH GRACE-ANN

Prairie View  
 Jamaica

WILCOX-WASHINGTON, KIMBERLY REGINA

Warner Robins, GA

### *Mathematics Curriculum*

AL-BATAINEH, RADI

Houston

YOUNG, LANDRA DENNELL

Killeen

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

ANTOINE, URSULA Y.  
 BAKER, MICHAEL DAVID  
 CLARK, LATOYA DARLENE  
 FARWELL, DANA L.  
 FORWARD, KOTTO UMOJA YAPHETTE

Houston  
 Fort Worth  
 Prairie View  
 Los Angeles, CA  
 Waco

GLENN, DARRELL DWAYNE  
 HEFLIN, NICOLE RENE A  
 HOLMES, PAMELA DENISE  
 LANG, KESIA ROCHELLE  
 SMITH, CHARLOTTE EVETTE

Hitchcock  
 Houston  
 Brenham  
 Houston  
 Hempstead

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

### *Political Science Curriculum*

ASHLEY, ANGELA LATRICE  
 LEVINE, KIMANYA DORSEL

North Little Rock, AR  
 Fort Worth

MCCLELLAN, TANJENKA SHARMON

Dallas

### *Geography Curriculum*

ANDREWS, XANDRIA SHERI-ELISE  
 CURRY, JR., TRAVIS R.

Pearland  
 Corsicana

JOHNSON, CURTIS ANDRE  
 PINKSTON, ANTONIO

Dallas  
 Millbrook, AL

### *Communications-Radio Television Curriculum*

ADGER, PATRINA ANN  
 ECHOLS, LISA M.  
 JONES, JR., SAMUEL EARL

Schertz  
 Hempstead  
 Dallas

MEDLOCK, TAMIKO W.  
 NASH, V. FAE  
 WHITE, LATASHIA LAYYAN

Duncanville  
 Morris, OK  
 Houston

### *Speech Curriculum*

LAWSON, APRIL RACQUEL

Houston

### *Communications-Journalism Curriculum*

OCKLETREE, TIFFANY ELAINE

Austin

WALLACE, TRANISHA D.

Fort Worth

### *Communications Curriculum*

BROWN, ANGEL DENISE  
 ELLIS, LATASHA SHEVORA  
 KEHINDE, BRIAN OLAYINKA

Houston  
 Henderson Village, TN  
 Houston

LEGGINGTON, GWYNITA DIANN  
 TURNER-LYONS, DIXIE ZENOBIA

Silbee  
 Hockley

### *History Curriculum*

FAIGLE, CURT RYAN

Waller

LOVETT, DEXTER LYNN

Magnolia



### *English Curriculum*

HILL JR., JAMES ARTHUR	Greer, SC	KEENER, JR., JAMES CURTIS	Houston
HUMPHREY, LAMONT ANDRE	Houston		

### *Drama Curriculum*

JACKSON, PARA LANELL	Austin	MORGAN, EZEKIEL L.	Houston
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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

HARVEY, ANGELA MARIE	Killeen
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## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### *Accounting Curriculum*

GRIGGS, LESSIE LEISHETTE	Houston	LAWSON, SAMANTHA DE'PRECE	Houston
GOLSON, JEFFREY B.	Houston	MARTIN, SHAGITTA L.	Naples
HUBBARD, MONTE L.	New Boston	NELSON, DORIS ANN	Bryan
HUTCHINSON, CHARMAINE A.	Prairie View	PULLUM, LA SHAWN Y.	Houston
HENGEL, CHRISTOPHER D.	Decatur, IL	SMITH, III, MILLARD	Cypress
JOHNSON, BRIDGET LASHUN	Longview	WILEY, SHEILA LENETTE	Austin
JONES, OLIVER EUGENE	Prairie View		

#### *Administrative Information Systems Curriculum*

ARCENEAUX, KIMBERLY DANYELL	Liberty	PETE, CYNTHIA ANN-MARIE	Dallas
ARDOIN, VALENCIA CHARESE	Hockley	RAMSEY, JR., BILLIE RAY	Houston
BROWN, MARCUS DEJOHN	Dallas	THOMAS, VANIQUE TIESSE	Hemphill
JOHNSON, MARCUS EUGENE	Waller		

#### *Finance Curriculum*

BROWN, CATHERINE CORDELL	Sacramento, CA	WILLIAMS, VICTOR C.	Prairie View
ELLIS, CRAIG	Prairie View		

#### *Management Curriculum*

BLAND, VERNON L.	Houston	RICHARDSON, LONZO	Prairie View
EVANS, KENDRICK DEON	Dallas	THOMAS, KEVIN R.	Arlington

#### *Marketing Curriculum*

DONALDSON, MEGAN V.	Silver Springs, MD	GRANT, GERALD WAYNE	Houston
FULLER, SHADIA ROCHELLE	Prairie View	MITCHELL, MISTY MICHELLE	Dallas
GAYLE, LISA MELANIE	Gardena, CA	TAYLOR, MICHELLE DENISE	Houston

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Health Curriculum*

BURTON, JANA R.	Port Arthur	RANDLE, JR., THEODORE CLARENCE RAYMOND	Houston
JACOBS, TEMIRRA RAYNETT	Houston	SHERRER, MEIKA D.	Houston
MORGAN, JAMES	Houston	SMITH, JASON CURT	Dallas
PETERS, STEPHEN JA'RELL	Houston	WILLIAMS, HORTINCIA RENEE	Humble
PRUDHOMME, REGINALD WAYNE	Houston		

## *Human Performance Curriculum*

HEDGES, DUSTIN SHAYNE	Cypress	TAYLOR, MIKE	Houston
JOHNSON, SCIPIO CHRISTOPHER	Houston	WELLS, KIMBERLEE D.	Houston

## *Psychology Curriculum*

CARTER, KELLY DENISE	Albuquerque, NM	JOHNSON, STEPHANIE KAY	Fort Worth
COLEMAN, TONYA PATRICE	Houston	MCDANIEL, CYNTHIA ROCHELLE	New Boston
ERVIN, KAREEM B.	Waco	NELSON, MARCY ANN	Bay City
EVANS, PANTHEIA ANNETTE	Port Arthur	PETERS, STEPHEN JA'RELL	Houston
GULLETTE, CHEVERIA CASHON	Tomball	SMITH, THERESE LASHELLE	Beaumont
JACKSON, QUINTON VARONE	San Antonio	PHILLIPS, LEROY D.	Houston

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

BALL, JODY LYNN	Port Arthur	MARTINEZ, MONICA A.	Houston
BARBER, YVETTE M.	Houston	MCDANIEL, GERALD ALAN	Hearne
CARR, TARA N.	Houston	MCKERCHIE, PAMELA RAE	Houston
CARRAWAY, TOMESHA P.	Houston	MCNEIL, STEPHANIE PORTIA	Baytown
CHAMBERS, LATONIA TYELISA	Bryan	RACKLEY-JACKSON, DOLLIE DOLORES	Magnolia
CHMIEL, BARBARA I. (JEANIE)	Waller	RANDLE, TYSHA DENISE	Duncanville
COLEMAN, LADORA YVETTE	Jasper	REED, YALISHA ANTIONETTE	Houston
FOX, EMILY M.	Katy	RIDGEWAY, CHANDRIA BENAYE	Newton
FREEMAN, DENISE LYNN	Houston	SADRUDDIN, LATEEFAH	Portland, OR
GILL, CHANTIL LASHE'	Houston	SCOTT, SUNTERA LEANN	Richmond
GREEN, DONYALE RENE	Houston	SIMPSON, JOHNNA TENESHA	Garland
HENDRIX, RENEE LASHAWN	Dallas	SMITH, JAWANNA DE'SHEA	Houston
HOWARD, CASSANDRA L.	Houston	SMITH, NATALYN GIOVANNA	Bryan
HYDE, SHARON S.	Katy	TOLLERSON, ADRIENNE MARIE	Missouri City
JENKINS, SHERYL DONETTE	Houston	TURNERHILL, ROSETTA YVETTEE	Abilene
JENKINS, JOCELYN DESHA	Lancaster	WADE, TRACI LYNNETTE	Houston
JOSEPH, STACY ALFRED	Houston	WAFER, CATRINA	La Marque
LASTRAPES, MICHELLE M.	Houston	WALTON, SHASHAWN R.	Houston
LEE, KIM EBONY	Houston	WARREN, ELIZABETH LORETTA	Houston
LIPSCOMB, DREW	Prairie View	WISER, TANYA LUCIANA	Houston

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

ANDERSON, JASMOND	Dallas	MESERVE, ANZILLA RACHAL	Houston
BUTLER, CHRISTON K.	Fort Worth	OKELLO, JOHN ANTHONY O.	Nairobi, Kenya
MCLEARY, CRAIG TURRON	Chicago, IL		

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Computer Science Curriculum*

ATKINSON, LAWRENCE RAY	Prairie View	KELLER, JUNE RAYNETTA	Port Arthur
BURROWS, WANDA L.	Prairie View	LOCK, SHATARA LEANNE	Denison
CAGE, SHAUN	Missouri City	MALVEAUX, EDRICE JAMAL	Port Arthur
CORBETT, LELAR TERESE	Detroit, MI	SANGJUN, SHIN	Prairie View
JOHNSON, DEXTER C.	Prairie View	SELLS, MARION L.	Beaumont

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

ABUGHAITH, MOHAMMED	Houston	REEDUS, ROBERT L.	Detroit, MI
CHARGOIS, TRAMAINE L.	Beaumont	SIMON, TAMARA LYNN	Houston
CONWELL, JAMIE MARIE	St. Louis, MO	THOMAS, ALVA GENON	Houston
FRAITEKH, AMJAD MOHOMMAD	Houston	WEST, KIMBERLY	Chicago, IL
HARRIS, MONIKA NICOLE	Houston		

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

BEAN, JR., RICHARD C.	Prairie View	LOCKETT, WILLIAM ALLEN	San Antonio
BROWN, DERYL ALLEN	Prairie View	OKAFOR, FRANCIS NNAMDI	Prairie View
FREEMAN, LAVERN SHUREE	Vicksburg, MS	REED, YOLANDA F.	Vicksburg, MS

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

AL-TAWRAH, HAITHAM A.	Houston	HOLLAND, LACHELLE NICOLE	Houston
ANDING, ARMAAN K.	Grand Island, NY	ISLAM, TANMOY	Prairie View
BARNES, BARNETTA F.	Port Gibson, MS	KING, RICKEY D.	Pittsburg
BATES, URSULA DONYETT	Oklahoma City, OK	KLEIN, RICHARD TROY	Las Vegas, NV
BAUGH, ERIKA DENISE	Houston	MARCIANO, TONY	Houston
BENNETT, DELEON ANDRE	Spring	MARTIN, DETRICK BRIAN	Dallas
BRIM, DARYL L.	Detroit, MI	MCKNIGHT, AARON W.	Seattle, WA
BRINKLEY, MICHAEL W.	Houston	PARKER, JERMAINE QUINTON	Detroit, MI
CORNELIUS, ADRIAN D.	Prairie View	STARR, DAREUS L.	Dallas

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

LARRY, JAMES ANTHONY	Prairie View	PERKINS, CARLOS B.	Houston
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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

BOYD, LASHANNON K.	Longview	THOMAS, DAMON ALEXIS	San Antonio
BROWN, MONICA LASHUN	Dallas	TOHALA, VAPSI JEMIMA	Seabrook
DICK, II, SHELLIE C.	Galena Park	TORKES, JAVIER JR.	Cypress
LABOVE, MARCUS S.	Liberty	TUCKER, II, CALVIN KEITH	Chicago, IL
MORRIS, TALTON LASHAN	Houston	WARD, LELAND DALLAS	Kansas City, KS
REED, CHRISTOPHER E.	Houston	WILLIAMS, ERSKINE	Detroit, MI
STURNS, KENYA RHLONDA	Fort Worth		

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

BAKER, JASON LOWRENCE	Houston	MCFERREN, TOMMIE D'ANGELO MICHAEL	Austin
BUSSEY JR., HORACE LEE	Corpus Christi	MCILVEEN, GORDY DEL	Bryan
COOPER, MEEKA MONA	Beaumont	NELSON, DEQUAN DUCHONN	Detroit, MI
HIGHTOWER, KIMBERLY DIANE	Detroit, MI	PERRY, ALBERT D.	Bellville
JOHNSON, LEKEDRIN CORNELL	Cleveland, MS	RHODER, KENNETH A.	Houston
JOSEPH, NIKALENKO VANTEL	Beaumont	STEVENS, II, GREGORY LOWELL	Austin
LOEB, DOMINIC SYLVESTER	Indianapolis, IN	THOMAS, II, GERALD D.	Austin

## COLLEGE OF NURSING

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

ABORDO, JENNIFER D.	Manila, Philippines	DENNIS, STACEY	Jamaica
AJIWE, HELEN OGECHI	Nigeria	DUROSEAU, KAREN GARNENT	Stafford
ALLEN, TAREA JANEE	Tulsa, OK	D'ANTIGNAC, KEMBA DAMALI	Highland Village
AMONOO-LARTSON, EKUA	Houston	DILWORTH, RENEE	Belton
BABBITT, SANDRA	Magnolia	ENGELKE, AHONNA OGLE	Bellville
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BLOOD, MISHELLE HOPPER	Conroe	EVANS, JR., ROSCOE RIDDLE	Houston
BOYD, ISHA S.	Anniston, Ala.	FLOWERS, TIMOTHY CARTER	Port Arthur
BROWN-WRIGHT, HYACINTH	Jamaica	GRANT, KIMBERLY DIANE	Humble
BURTON, BETTY T.	Conroe	GRIGGS, STEPHANIE RENA	Houston
DARBONNE, JULIANA S.	Kingwood	HAINES, CAROL SUSAN	College Station

HALL, MICHELLE	Houston	ROBERTSON, ANGELA GAIL	Victoria
HENDRIX, VERONICA SHERRI	Dallas	ROMANS, DONIAL	Jamaica
JACKSON, RAMONA LASHELL	Tyler	RUNNELS, WENDY ELAINE	Bellville
JACKSON, SHENNEKA LAKONDRA	Naples, TX	SCOTT-RANDLE, CHERYL Y.	Galveston
JACKSON-SANDERS, LEISHA	Houston	SEABACK, WANDA WALKER	Spring
JEFFERSON, AMIRA D.	Houston	SHARIF, MUMTAZ BEGUM	Houston
JONES, DESHRONDRA N.	Houston	SHELTON, CHRISTY YVONNE	Fort Worth
JONES, OGUNA F.	Port Arthur	SMITH, KAREN L.	Houston
KYDD, FELICIA M.	Fort Worth	TAYLOR, REQUITA S.	Houston
MARTIN, BRENDA SUE	Plantersville	THOMAS, ANITRA KARTESSA	Missouri City
MCCRAY, DOMINQUE LAQUENICA	Houston	THOMPSON, SHENTYA EVETTE	Houston
MEADORS, MADALYN V.	Houston	TO-ONG, RUBEN CORRES	Houston
MIDDLETON, CHERISSE YONAI	La Marque	WEBER, REGINA	Magnolia
NICCOM, KEVIN FRANKLIN	Houston	WHITE, ALICIA YVETTE	Houston
OLDAKER, SHARON GOUGH	Bryan	WHITFIELD, DAYONAJJA O.	Sugar Land
O'NEIL, RACHEL ANNQUENETTE	Lafayette, LA	WILSON-LADIPO, DELOISE	Florence, S.C.
PERKINS, SHERHONDA YVETTE	Houston	WOMACK, ISABELITA RENE GREEN	Houston
PRUITT, VICKI MARGARET	Humble		

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

##### *Sociology*

ANDERSON, SHERRYAL LYNN	Beaumont	KNIGHT, EUGENE J.	Austin
BA, Lamar University, 1983		BS, University of the State of New York, 1994	
BROWN, MONICA LYNN	Houston	STUKES, PHILLIP E.	Cypress
BA, Sam Houston State University, 1993		BS, Bowie State College, 1984	
GALLOWAY, KATRICE MONICA	Missouri City	TRAYLOR, TAMMICA TENESE	Houston
BA, Howard University, 1989		BS, Sam Houston State University, 1995	
HARMON-WRIGHT, TRINA	Houston	WEBB, PATRICK R.	Beaumont
BA, Texas Southern University, 1994		BS, Lamar University, 1994	
JONES, KIMBERLY PATRICE	Houston	WILLIAMS, KIMBERLY YVONNE	Houston
BS, University of Houston, 1989		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

##### *Agricultural Economics*

ALI, BATULA HASSAN	Prairie View	SMITH, III, JOHN E.	Prairie View
BS, Somali Democratic Republic, 1978		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1989	
CAMPBELL, EDWARD JAMES	Jamaica		
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996			

##### *Soil Sciences*

HARRIS, TANDOLYN YVETTE	San Antonio	M'MBIJJEWE, GITONGA	Prairie View
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	
HOWARD, SHOMONA	Fort Worth	PAYE, LAWRENCE	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1989	

##### *Human Sciences*

FLOWERS, ALMA HALL	San Antonio	SARTAIN, SUZY SERENA	Cypress
BS, Texas A&I University, 1975		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	

##### *Animal Science*

GRIMES, LASHAUNDA ANTOINETTE	Balch Springs		
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996			

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### *Mathematics*

MOGHADASSI, MO	Austin	WILLIAMS, CHARLES EVANS	Fort Worth
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995		BS, Southern University, 1994	
WASHINGTON, STEPHEN W.	Houston		
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994			

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

#### *Music*

BEVERLY, ALAN L.	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1976	

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CHEGE, GEORGE G.	Houston	MCCLELLAND, JR., CHARLES FRANKLIN	Houston
BBA, University of Houston Downtown, 1995		BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	
COTTRELL, SHARON K.	Cypress	PETERS, CRAIG M.	Houston
BBA, University of Wisconsin, 1986		BS, Sam Houston State University, 1993	
DRYDEN-GARDINER, ROSEMARIE	Jamaica	WALLACE, WILLIAM L.	Houston
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1994		BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	
ENGLISH, RAQUEL ELAINE	Houston	WASHINGTON, FRED	Houston
BBA, Texas Southern University, 1991		BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	
HAWKINS, STACIE YVONNE	Houston		
BBA, University of Houston, 1992			

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

#### *Counseling*

ADAMS, MARILYN A.	Houston	DAVIES, ANSUMANNA DAIFAH	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1974		BS, University of Texas-Arlington, 1993	
ADAMS, TIFFANY NICOLE	Beaumont	DEMERSON, LARRY J.	Houston
BSW, Lamar University, 1974		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1970	
ARRINGTON, ERIKA MONIQUE	Houston	DEMERSON, THELMA E.	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996		BS, Texas Southern University, 1971	
AUSTIN, GODDRICK L.	Houston	DONOVAN, ANTHONY BRENT	Houston
BA, Sam Houston State University, 1993		BS, University of Houston, 1996	
BATISTE, MARY VERELIA	Houston	DURHAM, LINDA ELECE	Waller
BS, McNeese State University, 1988		BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1986	
BRISCOE, ANGELA RENEE	Port Arthur	BOYKIN-DURDEN, VERONICA	Beaumont
BS, Lamar University, 1995		BSW, Texas Women's University, 1992	
BROMLEY, DARTANIA NICHOLE	Prairie View	EDWARDS, KAREN LYNN	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	
CHIEGBOKA, REGINA O.	Houston	FARRIA, CALVIN	Channel View
BA, Texas Southern University, 1996		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1985	
COLBERT, TRACI SAVEAT	Beaumont	FEARON, VINETTE VIVIENNE	Jamaica
BS, Lamar University, 1991		BS, College of Arts Science & Technology, 1985	
CORBETT, STACEY LAWTON	Katy	FLOYD, KRISTI L.	Houston
BA, University California-Los Angeles, 1979		BA, Dillard University, 1994	
DAVIS, JESSIE R.	Lexington	FLOWERS, DARLENE FOSTER	Houston
BS, Texas Southern University, 1976		BA, The University of Texas at Arlington, 1987	
DAVIS, JR., RUBEN GEORGE	Missouri City	FORBES, TONYIKA ASHANTI	Houston
BS, University of Houston, Downtown, 1993		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	

GOINES, DOROTHY BROWN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Houston	OWENS, STARLA CAMILLE BS, Texas Southern University, 1992	Houston
GOULD, MARQUIS TANISHA BS, Sam Houston State University, 1993	Houston	PAUL, ALVIN BA, Grambling University, 1982	Missouri City
GREEN, SHEILA K. BS, Paul Quinn College, 1986	Giddings	PENTECOST, RODNEY STEVEN BS, University of Houston, 1994	Houston
HORN, SHERRY L. BS, Texas Southern University, 1984	Channel View	POLK, SR., LARRY LOWELL BS, Dallas Baptist College, 1979	Corsicana
JACKSON, CYNTHIA M. BA, University of St. Thomas, 1995	Houston	SCOTT, TERRENCE D. BS, Lamar University, 1991	Houston
JOHNSON-MATHIS, MARTHA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Rosenburg	SIPPIO, JUANEL D. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Prairie View
JOHNSON, SHANDRA RAYETTE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	Beaumont	SPRIGGINS-PRICE, TERI LYNN BS, Southern University, 1988	Houston
KIRBY, PAULETTE LINDENBERG BA, Sam Houston State University, 1992	Montgomery	SWISHER, CHERYL LYNN BA, University of Houston, 1991	Missouri City
LANGFORD, MONTEZ CIVILRE BS, Lincoln University, 1988	Humble	TAYLOR, MARILYN YEVON BBA, Lamar University, 1974	Brookshire
LAVERGNE, BRIDGETTE DENYSE BS, McNeese State University, 1991	Beaumont	TRUSTY-LANDRY, TATIA BGS, Lamar University, 1996	Beaumont
LEE, URAL JAMES BS, University of Houston, 1995	Houston	VAUGHN, LAURA RUTH BS, Lamar University, 1992	Beaumont
LEHMANN, DEBORAH GAIL BBA, Southwest Texas State University, 1978	Giddings	WASHINGTON, LIBBY MARK BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1984	Port Arthur
LOUGHRIDGE, JAMES WILLIAM BS, Franklin University, 1980	Houston	WASHINGTON, VONDA D. BS, Texas Southern University, 1994	Missouri City
MACK, BEVERLY SHAW BA, Texas Southern University, 1995	Houston	WHITE, JR., MICHAEL TERRANCE BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	DeSoto
MOSLEY, III, LAVAUGHN C. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1983	Dallas	WILLIS, CAROLYN S. BA, Sam Houston State University, 1985	Huntsville
MURPHY, RUBY JEHN BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Houston	WILSON, LEAH DOLANN BA, Spelman, 1995	Houston
NEAL, BESSIE ROCHELLE BBA, University of Houston, 1988	Richmond	WOMACK, MAI LYNN BS, University of Houston, 1995	Houston
NEULS, DANIEL J. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	San Antonio	YORK, BRIDGET R. BS, Lamar University, 1986	Houston
NORMAN, DINAH LASHON BS, Texas Southern University, 1993	Houston		

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

### *Curriculum and Instruction* (Agricultural Education)

AMERSON, JR., GEORGE COLEMAN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston	SCOTT, MONICA ELAINE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Houston
JONES, GEORGIA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Prairie View	STEWART, SEYMOUR FRANCIS BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Prairie View

### *Curriculum and Instruction* (Reading Education)

BIGSBY, SANDRA E. BS, University of North Texas, 1983	Austin	MAYFIELD, NICOLE E. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Bay City
ISABEL, GINA MONET BS, Tennessee State University, 1981	Houston	MCDONALD, III, ROBERT BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Houston

### *Physical Education*

SANUSI, JESSIE E. BS, University of Houston, 1992	Houston		
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## *Educational Administration*

BACY, KATHY JEANETTE LANE BS, Lamar University, 1976	Houston	JONES, GLORIA DEHAVEN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1974	Port Arthur
BOOKER, MYRON LAMAR BS, University of Houston Downtown, 1989	Houston	LAVERGNE, JACKQUELYN SINGLETON BA, Lamar University, 1993	Beaumont
BURNS, TAMIKA SHANTEA BS, Texas Tech University, 1995	Houston	LOCKARD, LEA ANN COFFEY BA, Angelo State University, 1984	Stafford
CALDWELL, MONICA S. BS, Texas Southern University, 1990	Sugarland	MCBRIDE, THOMAS DAVID BS, Southwest Texas State University, 1984	League City
CAMPBELL, MAISIE ELAINE BS, University of West Indies, 1982	Jamaica	MCKINNON, JILL L. BA, University of Oklahoma, 1985	Houston
CAMPBELL, ALBERTA ROGERS BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1965	Rosharon	PORTERIE, MARK LINN BS, Lamar University, 1989	Port Arthur
FRANKLIN, LASHUNDA CARTET BS, University of Tennessee at Martin, 1995	Memphis, TN	PRATER-ALLEN, LIZABETH BS, Ohio State University, 1981	Missouri City
GARRETT, ERROLL VARIN BA, John Carroll University, 1984	Baytown	PRICE, LANDRUM BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	Missouri City
GENDRETT, VICTOR GORDON BBA, University of St. Thomas, 1981	Houston	THOMAS, JR., GEORGE WEBSTER BA, Lamar University, 1996	Beaumont
GREENE, RODNEY E. BA, Houston-Tillotson College, 1981	Austin	TROTTER, RUTHIE J. BA, Jarvis Christian College, 1971	Missouri City
HARDEMAN, BARBARA JEAN GRIFFIN BS, Lamar University, 1988	Beaumont	TROUTMAN, JR., JAMES DOYLE BS, University of Houston Downtown, 1990	Houston
HUHN, DEANN MARGARET ST. CLAIR BS, Lamar University, 1989	Beaumont	WILLIAMS, JR., JOHN BA, St. Louis University, 1968	Port Arthur
JEFFERSON, ELLA M. CAPLE BA, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 1965	Houston	WILLIAMS, MARY ANN BA, Sam Houston State University, 1983	Sugarland

## *Special Education*

BARNES-MACLIES, VICKIE J. BA, Southern University, 1977	Kingwood	WALKER-RAMSEY, MISTY L. BS, Grambling State University, 1990	Houston
CROWDER, SONYA ANN BS, Lamar University, 1985	Baytown	WARE, MONICA BONITA BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1988	Houston
THOMAS, MARTHA BEATRICE BS, Tarleton State University, 1978	Elgin		

# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

AHMED, SHAKIR MUSTAQUE BA, University of Houston, 1994	Houston	MAPPS, JR., RAPHAEL BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Prairie View
ALI, MUHAMMAD RAIHAN BS, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, 1991	Prairie View	NEJRESS, TURK ALI BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Houston
AKA-MILAN, FRANCIS AKROMAN BS, University of Texas-Austin, 1995	Austin	NWOYE, CAROLINE OBIANUJU BS, Anambra State University, 1991	Houston
AKINTONDE, NANCY A. BA, University Degli Studi, 1991	Houston	OMAIR, MOHANNAD RAFIQ BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	Houston
ARIZA, CARLOS H. BS, LaSalle University, 1980	Houston	WASHINGTON, KENNETH WAYNE BS, Southern University, 1975	Katy
BINZAIID, SHUZA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	Austin	WILSON, PATRICK EVERETTE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Bahamas
DEVEREAUX, JOHNNY L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Waco	YANG, WENQUAN BS, Beijing University, 1996	China
HE, YU BS, South China University, 1985	Prairie View	YAO, GUANGHUI BS, East China University of Chemical Technology, 1986	Prairie View
KHANDAKAR, RAHAT ALAM BS, University of Houston, 1995	Houston	ZHOU, THOMAS JUN BS, Hunan University, 1984	Houston
LADIPO, KOLAWOLE WASIU BS, University of Lagos, 1989	Houston		

# BENJAMIN BANNEKER HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES

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

ANDING, ARMAAN K.	Electrical Engineering Curriculum	Grand Island, NY
BAKER, JASON L.	Mechanical Engineering Curriculum	Houston, TX
BARNES, BARNETTA F.	Electrical Engineering Curriculum	Port Gibson, MS
BROWN, CATHERINE C.	Finance Curriculum	Sacramento, CA
BROWN, DERYL A.	Civil Engineering Curriculum	Prairie View, TX
CONWELL, JAMIE M.	Chemical Engineering Curriculum	St. Louis, MO
GAYLE, LISA M.	Marketing Curriculum	Gardena, CA
ISLAM, TANMOY	Electrical Engineering Curriculum	Prairie View, TX
JOHNSON, BRIDGET L.	Accounting Curriculum	Longview, TX
JONES, OLIVER E.	Accounting Curriculum	Prairie View, TX
LOCKETT, WILLIAM A.	Civil Engineering Curriculum	San Antonio, TX
NICCOM, KEVIN F.	Nursing Curriculum	Houston, TX
THOMAS, DAMON A.	Industrial Technology Curriculum	San Antonio, TX
TUCKER, CALVIN K.	Industrial Technology Curriculum	Chicago, IL
WARD, LELAND D.	Industrial Technology Curriculum	Kansas City, KS
WILCOX-WASHINGTON, KIMBERLY	Chemistry Curriculum	Warner-Robbins, GA
WILLIAMS, VICTOR C.	Finance Curriculum	Prairie View, TX

## 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

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90 – 4.00

HENGEL, CHRISTOPHER D.  
HYDE, SHARON S.

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70 – 3.89

ISLAM, TANMOY  
JOHNSON, BRIDGET L.

KING, RICKEY D.  
MCDANIEL, CYNTHIA R.

### CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.33 – 3.69

ABORDO, JENNIFER C.  
ALLEN, TAREA J.  
ANDING, ARMAAK.  
CHMIEL, BARBARA I.  
FOX, EMILY M.  
FREEMAN, LAVERN S.  
HALL, MICHELLE  
HARRIS, LASHAWNDA Y.  
HARRIS, MONIKA, N.  
JONES, OLIVER E.  
KLEIN, RICHARD T.  
LOVETT, DEXTER L.  
MCDANIEL, CYNTHIA R.  
MCFERREN, TOMMIE M.  
NAYLOR, PHYLICIA A.

NICCOM, KEVIN F.  
PERRY, ALBERT D.  
PETE, CYNTHIA A.  
RACKLEY-JACKSON, DOLLIE D.  
REED, YOLANDA F.  
ROBERSON, TERESA D.  
SIMMONS, CELESTE A.  
SMITH, JAWANNA D.  
TOLLERSON, ADRIENNE M.  
TURNERHILL, ROSETTA Y.  
WEST, KIMBERLY  
WILLIAMS, VICTOR C.  
WILSON, MARIA F.  
WILSON, SYDNEY A.  
WISER, TANYA L.



## **COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES**

BISHOP, ANDREA L., Second Lieutenant

Army Nurse Corps, Active Duty, Houston, TX

LOVETT, DEXTER L., Second Lieutenant

Medical Service Corps, Immediate Active Duty, Magnolia, TX

NICCUM, KEVIN F., Second Lieutenant

Army Nurse Corps, Active Duty, Houston, TX

## **COMMISSIONS IN THE NAVY OF THE UNITED STATES**

BROADNAX, QUINCY D., Ensign

Aviation Warfare, Active Duty Reserve, Bearden, AR

KLEIN, RICHARD T., Ensign

Nuclear Power, Active Duty Reserve, Las Vegas, NV

PERRY, ALBERT D., Ensign

Nuclear Power, Active Duty Reserve, Bellville, TX

PINKSON, ANTONIO, Ensign

Surface Warfare, Active Duty Reserve, Millbrook, AL

# 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.



# CHARLES ALFONSO HINES, Ph.D.

## *PRESIDENT, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY*

Dr. Charles A. Hines is the sixth President of Prairie View A&M University located in Prairie View, Texas. He has held this position since November 21, 1994. Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Dr. Hines joined the United States Army after graduating from Washington D.C.'s Dunbar High School. After serving in infantry and artillery units as an enlisted man, he was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1957 and immediately entered Howard University in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation from Howard University with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Regular Army commission, Dr. Hines embarked on a 30 year career as a commissioned officer, retiring in 1992 with the rank of Major General.

Dr. Hines holds a Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University, a Master of Science from Michigan State University, a Master of Military Arts and Science from the Command and General Staff College and a B.S. from Howard University. He has completed management development programs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, as well as the University of Maryland. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Dr. Hines served as an adjunct professor with the University of Maryland for 22 years.

During his career as an Army officer, Dr. Hines held many important command and staff assignments. As a Colonel, he served as Director of Organizational Effectiveness and Curriculum Development at the U.S. Army War College; he also served as Director, Women in the Army Policy Review Group. In that capacity, he was instrumental in exponentially expanding opportunities for women in the Army. As a general officer, he served as Director, Officer Personnel Management Division at the Army's Personnel Center; Director of Manpower, Budget and Force Integration at the Pentagon; and finally as Commanding General, United States Army Military Police and Chemical Schools and Fort McClellan, Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Dr. Hines has dedicated much of his personal, professional and academic life to equal opportunity, education and training, advancement of rights for women, race relations, and the development of youth. He has received numerous honors and awards. In 1992, he was inducted into the National Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame. Dr. Hines was selected by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as an Outstanding Black Man for 1994. From 1992 to 1994, Dr. Hines served as Director of Protection and Health Service for the Smithsonian Institution.

Since Dr. Hines' appointment as President of Prairie View A&M University, he created and received funding for the Academy of Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS), an "academic boot camp" that serves as a bridge to college for those who might not otherwise qualify. He established the Center for the Study and Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency; brought new privatized housing (University Village Phase I and II) to Prairie View A&M University; and through the 75<sup>th</sup> Legislature, received funding for a new 28 million dollar science building. He has completed the Governor's Executive Development Program; served on the advisory committee for the Texas A&M University System Center for Leadership in Higher Education; and the Steering Committee for TAMU Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health. He was nominated for and accepted membership in the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention (only eight top academic officials in the United States were nominated). He was most recently appointed by the Governor of Texas as the Chairman of the Governor's Military Strategic Planning Commission.

Dr. Hines is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and is an honorary member in several fraternal, honorary, Greek and professional organizations.



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GEORGE W. BUSH  
GOVERNOR

*November 20, 1997*

*Greetings to:*

***The 1997 Graduating Class  
of  
Prairie View A&M***

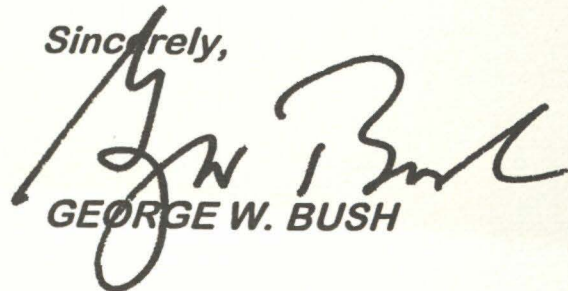
***Congratulations on your graduation from Prairie View A&M University on December 13, 1997. I know you worked hard to earn your degrees and have wonderful memories from these special years.***

***I wish you every success in the future. I hope you will continue to read and learn, not because it is required, but for your own pleasure and success. Always keep the Texas spirit of dreaming and doing, of setting high goals and working to achieve them.***

***Laura joins me in sending you and your families best wishes on this happy day.***



*Sincerely,*

  
GEORGE W. BUSH



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December 13, 1997

Dear Graduates:

It is my honor and privilege to extend heartfelt congratulations to each of you for your accomplishments celebrated today.

Prairie View A&M University, from its earliest beginnings in the late 1800s, has demonstrated a rich history of producing top-quality leaders and scholars. Today is no exception. The Texas A&M University System and your university expect great things from each of you.

I encourage you to open the doors of opportunity with compassion and intellect. Inspire others. Lead. Tell the story of higher education and its impact on your life. Use your education and experience here at Prairie View A&M for the betterment of not only yourself and your family--but your community, your state and your world.

The Texas A&M University System is based on a strong foundation of service and excellence. Thank you for helping us maintain that tradition.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Warmest regards,

Barry B. Thompson, Ph.D.  
Chancellor

**Universities**

- Baylor College of Dentistry
- Prairie View A&M University
- Tarleton State University
- Texas A&M International University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas A&M University at Galveston

- Texas A&M University-Commerce
- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- Texas A&M University-Texarkana
- West Texas A&M University

**Agencies**

- Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
- Texas Agricultural Extension Service
- Texas Animal Damage Control Service
- Texas Engineering Experiment Station
- Texas Engineering Extension Service
- Texas Forest Service
- Texas Transportation Institute
- Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory



**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE**

**P.O. Box 4352  
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS 77446**

**November 24, 1997**

**Dear Fall 1997 Graduates:**

**On behalf of the Faculty of Prairie View A&M University, I am extremely pleased to say congratulation to each of you on your wonderful achievement and pray that God will speed you on a most successful path and future.**

**Occasionally along life's way, you will meet someone you will always remember. . . Maybe it's her strength, maturity or wisdom, the deep seriousness in her mannerism or the gentle way she shows she cares. But whatever it is, we are wishful that she has come to mean a lot to you as she has meant to the whole of our society. We are speaking of Prairie View A&M University.**

**The Prairie View A&M University's Faculty pray that you will remember our teaching, especially about life. . . . Please remember, it's not how much you accomplish in life that really counts, but how much you leave others. It is not how high you build your dreams that make a difference, but how high your faith can climb. It is not how many goals you reach, your degree, your club affiliations, your social contacts, etc., but how many lives you touch positively along the journey. It should not be who you know that matters, but who you are on the inside.**

**The Faculty at Prairie View A&M University is committed to high expectations, academic rigor and a strong teaching and research infrastructure that will eventually realize increased faculty scholarship productivity, greater student achievement and a product that will manifest full participation in America's future.**

**With the aforementioned thoughts in mind, go forth and make a significant positive difference in our society.**

**Again, Congratulations!!**

**Respectfully,**

**Frank T. Hawkins, Speaker  
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December 13, 1997

The 1997 Fall Graduating Class  
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Dear Graduates:

On behalf of Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association, (NAA) we express our congratulations to you. We recognize that your graduation marks the first step in preparing for your life career.

A university's measure of success is based on what its former students do after graduation; whether they become employers, employees or pursue further graduate study. Further, another criterion used is what former students do to help improve and perpetuate their university. Historically, Prairie View graduates have been competitive when compared to other major universities relative to workers and completing master level graduate programs. We have not been competitive as employers and owners of capital; nor have been diligent about improving our university's status, by giving generously to our dear Alma Mater. Statistics have shown that we fall far below other university graduates.

I would like to challenge the 1997 Fall Graduating Class to become competitive as workers, employers and owners of capital, to successfully enroll and complete graduate studies including the Ph.D. level, and give financially, to your University and Alumni Chapters.

Sincerely,

Calvin C. Bluiett

# 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  
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