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# **PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

# ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

(THE SEVENTH FALL COMMENCEMENT)



WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER FOURTEENTH TWO THOUSAND TWO 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:* Mr. Willie A. Tempton Interim President, Prairie View A&M University

ORGAN PRELUDE		Dr. Danny R. Kelley
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL:	"War March of the Priests" (Athalia) Dr. Danny R. Kelley, Organist	. Felix Mendelssohn

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 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, IV Dean, University Chapel
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Frances Scott Key
OPENING REMARKS	Interim President Willie A. Tempton
GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Mr. Tom D. Kale Vice Chancellor for Business Services The Texas A&M University System
INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR	Interim President Willie A. Tempton
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Dr. Alvin I. Thomas President-Emeritus

President-Emeritus Prairie View A&M University Prairie View, Texas

MUSIC: "The Word Was God"
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
THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE Dean Ikhlas Sabouni, Ph.D.
THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Dean Gerard Rambally, Ph.D.
THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Dean Munir Quddus, Ph.D.
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 Interim President Willie A. Tempton
ALMA MATER: "Dear Prairie View" Sibelius-Fuller
RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance" Sir Edward Elgar

(Audience Seated)

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	Dean, Oracana Senere

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

## **COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

COLLINS, ANDRA UNTOINETTE HALL, DERRICK L. HENRY, CLEMENT CHRISTOPHER KING, JASON D. Fresno Prairie View Prairie View Fort Worth MCCULLOUGH, KENNETH W. MCLEAN-WILSON, MARJORIE NELSON, LEIGH Prairie View Prairie View DeSoto

#### CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN SCIENCES

Family and Community Service

BOWERS, KAMEKO SHAYLA

Houston

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS

Human Nutrition and Food

CARRINGTON, GLENNIS LAROSA

Cedar Hill

#### SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

ESSOH, RAPHAEL EDET FOWLER, A'BRIA DESIREE' Prairie View Beaumont

Cat Spring

Prairie View Houston HUNTER, DAMIEN PAKIL WYRE

Houston

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

Architecture Curriculum

DAVIS, TANYA T. EVERETT, CHARLES ANTHONY GEORGE, ROSHON L. TERRY, DAMIEN L. WILSON, COREY E. Houston Houston

#### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Communications Curriculum

ANDERSON, MARVIN DEANDRE BROOKS, DAVID CHARLES BURROUGH, ASHLEY KENE' CATHEY III, HARRY COOPER, TIFFANY NICOLE CURRY, ERICA DEON DUSKIN, NATASHA MARIE EDMOND JR., GEORGE WILLIAM GILLIAM, LEON E. HOBDY, MICHAEL C. HURTS, ANTHONY DEWAYNE Fort Worth Richwood Fort Worth Cedar Hill Hillsboro Lubbock Arlington Houston Prairie View Missouri City Pearland MAY, MAURICE ST. JOHN MILES, BRODERICK EUGENE MITCHELL, SHAWNTE' L. MOORE, EUNREKEA CORTEZ PEEVY, JENA' LATRICIA SMITH, TONJA LA SHAWN STEVENSON, ERIN IDELL STOKES, KEVIN JAMES TAYLOR, BRIAN ALLAN OSCAR WALKER, JAMAEA WOODS, SABRINA LA SHEA Missouri City Fort Worth Converse Houston Marlin Missouri City Los Angeles, CA Brenham Houston Round Rock

1 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.

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#### Drama Curriculum

#### Prairie View

#### English Curriculum

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Houston Guthrie, OK Houston	STEVENSON, ROSNISHA DOROTHEA WALKER, TIFFANY MARTRECE WILLIAMS, KEITRICK	Prairie View DeSoto Missouri City	JOSHUA, OWENS,
History C	urriculum		
Hempstead Katy	RUSSELL, RAQUEL M.	Hockley	
Music Cu	urriculum		
Houston	TYLER, ADRAN JAMAIL	Houston	COLLINS DABNEY NEGUSE
Political Scien	ce Curriculum		
Houston San Antonio Scott AFB, IL	MASSAQUOI, JANOLA LATREE PETERSON, CHERI D. WILLIAMS JR., BOBBY RAY	Houston Houston Austin	ASGHAR FELDER, FINCH, S GLOVER
Sociology	Curriculum		HARRIS, HARRISO
Humble Fort Hood	MOORE, DARSEL L. OLIVER III, ROBERT RAY	North Richland Hills Fort Worth	HAWKIN HOOPER HUNT,

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

ENA RENE'	Caldwell	ROQUEMORE, ADARYLL RASHON	Houston	
RA P.	DeSoto	SELLERS, TIFFANY VI-VETTE	Austin	
LA DENISE	McGregor	THORTON, KATRINA NICOLE	Houston	
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ANDA AMBOREE	Houston	WILSON, RANDALL S.	Houston	
И Н.	Houston			

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

#### Applied Music-Euphonium

CLEVELAND SAMUEL

Missouri City

Applied Music-Trumpet

ITH DWAYNE

HARLES

Applied Music-Voice

Houston

Dallas

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

#### **Biology** Curriculum

YKEA SHAQUA ANDI L. SARO RAY MONREMAINE N NICOLE NITA LASHAWN

Sugarland Houston Houston Port Arthur 337

HUNTER, MARCUS JEROME KENT, ALISHA NICOLE LAW, KIMBERLYN LASHON LIPSCOMB, QUINISHA LANAE

Cypress Channelview Dallas Cypress RENFRO, C

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CHALWE, DABNEY,

CRICHLO DOYLE JI LANEY, S MANUEL.

BECKFOR BITTLE, CALHOU FELDER, FOSTER, HODGE,

#### Chemistry Curriculum

RENFRO, OMAR MALIK

Houston

#### Mathematics Curriculum

JOSHUA, LAKISA S. OWENS, DOMINIQUE

HODGE, JARVAS DIONN

Rowlett Houston WIGGINS, MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER

Houston

## **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

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

#### Accounting Curriculum

COLLINS, SAMIAN L.	Houston	PAKOEJOE, MARIO	Houston
DABNEY, JAMIE LYNN	Sealy	RICKS-JOHNSON, TAMITRA LASHELL	Houston
NEGUSE, AMLESET TESFAI	Fort Worth	TRAHAN JR., KENNETH W.	Beaumont

#### Administrative Information Systems Curriculum

ASGHAR, MIDHAT Prairie View LEMON		LEMON, HEATHER S.	Sweeny
FELDER, KELEIGH DANIELLE	Houston	MINHAS, OMAR W.	Houston
FINCH, SEBRENIA ROCHELLE	Houston	MONROE, CHRYSTAL DIONE	Missouri City
GLOVER, ARRIA ADELE	Sugarland	MOORE, CARL ANTHONY	Tomball
HARRIS, JUSTIN K.	Dallas	RILEY, BROOK	Austin
HARRISON, MORRIS ONEAL	Fort Worth	SAM, KIMBERLY MARIE	Houston
HAWKINS, TIMOTHY C.	Missouri City	SMITH, LAKEISHA JASHAWN	Dallas
HOOPER JR., BOBBY RAY	Prairie View	TUCKER, DARA NYASHA	Houston
HUNT, CEDRIC DEMOND	Houston	YOUNG, JOHNEL A.	Houston
KELLEY, KENT E.	Prairie View	WIMBERLY, RODNEY LAMONT	Houston
	Finance C	Surriculum	
CHALWE, DAVID	Prairie View	HENRY, CLEMENT CHRISTOPHER	Prairie View
DABNEY, JAMIE LYNN	Sealy	LINTON, RYAN E.	Fort Worth
	Management	t Curriculum	
CRICHLOW, AYANA E.	Copperas Cove	MCINNIS, JERRI NICOLE	Houston
DOYLE JR., JAMES LEE	Houston	SIMPSON JR., JOHNNIE	Sugarland
LANEY, SHARITA G.	Houston	UPSHAW, OLLICSIA ROSHAE	Dallas
MANUEL, DANA DIANN	Hempstead		
	Marketing	Curriculum	
BECKFORD, JUDEEN S.	Houston	ROBERTS, BRIDGET	Houston
BITTLE, INGRID D.	Waller	STANTON, HARONISHA UVETTE	Houston
CALHOUN, DEVON RUSHIN	San Antonio	THOMAS, ANTHONY D.	Houston
FELDER, KELEIGH DANIELLE	Houston	WHITFIELD, LOUIS BENJAMIN	Prairie View
FOSTER, JAMAAL EDWIN	Missouri City	WHITNEY, BREGITTA S.	Fort Worth

Cypress

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### Health Curriculum

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Houston Baytown Sugarland Houston Hempstead Missouri City Houston Cypress Austin Cypress

San Antonio

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#### Human Performance Curriculum

BARNES, TONY L. CARTWRIGHT, NAIMA C. EDMONSON, LEWIS G. GEIGLEY, ERIC W. GRANT, SAMANTHA L. HARVEY, KENRIC LADON JENKINS, TYISHA N, PATTERSON, BRANDON JAMAR San Antonio Tyler Caldwell Bellville Missouri City Houston Houston PERRY, BOBBY B.Miami, FL.ROPER, AHMADHoustonSHIVERS, GARDNER JERMAINECaldwellSMITH, ALGERON DEWAYNEFort WorthSPARKS JR., ANDRUSHoustonSTARGHILL, MELVINHoustonTOUSANT JR., LEON EARLMissouri City

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

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CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TECHNOLOGY Industrial Technology Curriculum

FULLER, COREY DESHAWN

Fort Worth

## **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### Computer Science Curriculum

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Houston	EVANS, AURYSIA ROBIN	Houston
Houston		110431011

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

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Houston	WILLIAMS, RICHARD GEORGE	Kingston, Jamaica
Houston	WYATT, DEMIRA S.	Houston

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

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Prairie View Brownwood Crosby Houston Longwood Houston

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

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

DANIELS, GEODRICK DJUAN DAVENPORT, BRIAN O'NEAL Missouri City Houston SPANN, BRYANT E. WALTON, REGINALD D. Houston Lewisville

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

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MOORE, CARALOTTA LYNNETTE

Dallas

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

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#### Juvenile Justice Curriculum

BROWN, DENISHA FATIMAH CARRIER, KEVIN DESHAWN DAVIS, SHANDRICA V. DOCKERY, DEONDRA LAKEISHA HENDRICKS, SHAYLA MONIQUE HUBERT, CORY DEVON Kountze Port Arthur Fresno La Grange Houston Prairie View LINCOLN, CEDRIC MILAM, JOHANNA SHARMISE OZENNE, RANYEL L. STEWART, TAMIKO M. WASHINGTON, RICHIE D.

#### Houston Houston Port Arthur Spring Dallas

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#### Psychology Curriculum

APLON, VANESSA YVETTE BANKSTON III, A. DAMON BELTON, NATASHA S. ESTWICK, RHYL C. HARRIS, DEBORAH RICHARDSON Beaumont Houston Robinson Fort Worth Bryan HEARD, TAMISHA D. MACHINSKY, SHARON LYNN MENIFEE, JONAVICH GERSHOME TAYLOR, LOIS SHAKERA WILLIAMS, LASHONDRA DECARR Houston New Ulm Houston Houston Humble

## **COLLEGE OF NURSING**

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

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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

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90-4.00

FALKE, AMBER N. FINLEY, BEVERLY A.

MOORE, SHERRY D.

#### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70-3.89

CHILDRESS, JOHN K. HAGEMAN, BETH E. HENRY, CLEMENT CHRISTOPHER MASSAQUOI, JANOLA L. MCCLEAN-WILSON, MARJORIE MONTES, LAURA L. TAYLOR, LOIS S.

#### **CUM LAUDE**

ALLI, OLAWALE O. CLOUD, ALFREDA ECHOLS CURRY, ERICA DAVIS, MICHAEL G. ELLISON, EUNETRA S. FARQUHARSON, JULIAN W. GEIGLEY, ERIC W. HALL, DERRICK L. HARALAMBIE, LAURA HARRISON, CHARLES J. Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50-3.69

JOHNSON, KEN E. JOHNSON, LYNELL J. LLANAS-TREJO, MARY H. MACHINSKY, SHARON L. MUSE, BRIDGETT M. ROBINSON-SMITH, DOROTHY L. SELLERS, TIFFANY SIFUENTEZ-BAZOR, MELISSA R. SMITH, TAMARA L.

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

BELTON, NATASHA S., Second Lieutenant Air Defense Artillery, Active Duty, Robinson, TX

OLIVER, YOLANDA A., Second Lieutenant Medical Service Corps, Active Duty, Houston, TX

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

CALHOUN, DEVON R., Ensign Surface Warfare, U. S. Navy Active Duty Reserve, Newport, RI

## 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	Library Science Lemon
Architecture Lavender	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

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.

#### ALVIN I. THOMAS, Ph.D.

#### President-Emeritus Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas

Dr. Alvin I. Thomas is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. He joined the faculty at Prairie View A&M University in February 1949. He served in teaching and administration from 1949 to 1966.

He attended the public schools of New Orleans and completed two years of liberal arts study at Xavier University. He received the Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees from Kansas State College. After studying at Pennsylvania State college, he enrolled at The Ohio State University where he earned the Ph.D. Degree.

Dr. Thomas is a veteran who served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. He was stationed in the U.S., Europe, Philippine Islands and Korea.

Dr. Thomas has a wealth of experience in higher education, strategic planning, leadership development and administration. He has served as a consultant to the Agency for International Development. He has worked in West Africa and helped establish a technical high school at Kakata, Liberia. He was a member of President George H. W. Bush's delegation to observe the 1989 elections in Namibia, South Africa.

He has served as a consultant to Dow Chemical Company, Litton Industries and Westinghouse Management Service. Dr. Thomas has served as a member of the White House Conference on Children and Youth; the Governor's Commission on Rural Development; and, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Houston Branch).

Dr. Thomas is a recipient of the Epsilon Pi Tau Laureate Citation for Administrative Leadership, Distinguished Alumni Award from Kansas State College, Holt Fellow, Yale University, Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Distinguished Alumni Award, The Ohio State University, Outstanding Educational Services Medal by The Republic of Liberia and the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal-the highest civilian award given by the U. S. Department of the Army.

Dr. Thomas served as President of Prairie View A&M University from 1966 to 1982. He was appointed President-Emeritus in 1983. He served as Director, The Houston Nursing Center from 1982 to 1991 when he retired from full-time duty at Prairie View A&M University. He currently maintains the Office of President-Emeritus in the Prairie View A&M University Houston Nursing Center at 1801 Main Street, Houston, Texas.



## STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

December 3, 2002

## Greetings to:

## Prairie View A&M University **Fall Commencement Convocation**

Welcome to all in attendance at Prairie View A&M University's 2002 Commencement Program. This special occasion is a time to celebrate the outstanding efforts by those graduating today.

Graduates, your achievement is a victory, not only for yourselves and your families, but for all of Texas. No one can take away the education, confidence, and teamwork skills you have gained in your time at Prairie View, and nothing should deter you from pursuing your goals as you look toward the future. I know you worked hard to reach this milestone and that your family and friends are proud of you. As each of you continues on life's journey, I encourage you to embrace the challenges before you. Always be unrelenting in your quest for excellence, as you look toward the horizon and seek to make a difference in your homes and communities throughout our great state and nation.

To the faculty, staff and families in attendance, your support has contributed immeasurably to the fine success of today's graduates. Your state salutes your endeavors and the important role that you have played.

Mrs. Perry joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion. We wish you every success.

Sincerely,

ICK PERRY

Rick Perry Governor

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December 14, 2002

Dear Graduates:

I am honored and privileged to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on this memorable day.

Prairie View A&M University has long been recognized as an institution of excellence, producing graduates who strive to succeed in all areas of life. This tradition of excellence continues today, through all of you-the graduating class of 2002.

Your education at Prairie View A&M University has taught you how to be independent thinkers and strong leaders. Use these skills to excel in all that you do and provide a shining example for those around you.

My good wishes to you upon your graduation from Prairie View A&M University and I wish you success as you go forward to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

All the best,

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Chancellor

Enclosure

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

December 2002

**Dear Graduates:** 

On behalf of alumni around the world, I am honored to welcome those receiving their first degree from Prairie View A&M University to the rank of alumni. We, along with family and friends, have gathered to recognize and celebrate this memorable event with you. We congratulate you on your accomplishments of meeting the degree requirements of our great institution.

Your matriculation within the halls of this great institution have prepared you for the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. You are now joining the ranks of Alumni who have faced and met similar demands with distinction. We expect no less of you. As you take that final stroll across the stage, embrace the challenge that awaits as you embark upon the new journey of becoming a productive citizen in the world community. Meet those demands and challenges head-on, but always be true to yourself. Acknowledge the difference that Prairie View A&M University has made in your life and endeavor to make a difference in the lives you touch in your journey.

I urge you to become a viable member of an alumni chapter in your area. Please contact the Alumni Headquarters office to inquire about the special membership opportunities available for new graduates. Once again, congratulations and best wishes for a very successful future.

Sincerely, limito how the thooky

Winnie Stokes Wooley 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*

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