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INAUGURATION OF  
JULIUS WESLEY BECTON, JR.  
AS THE  
FIFTH PRESIDENT  
OF  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

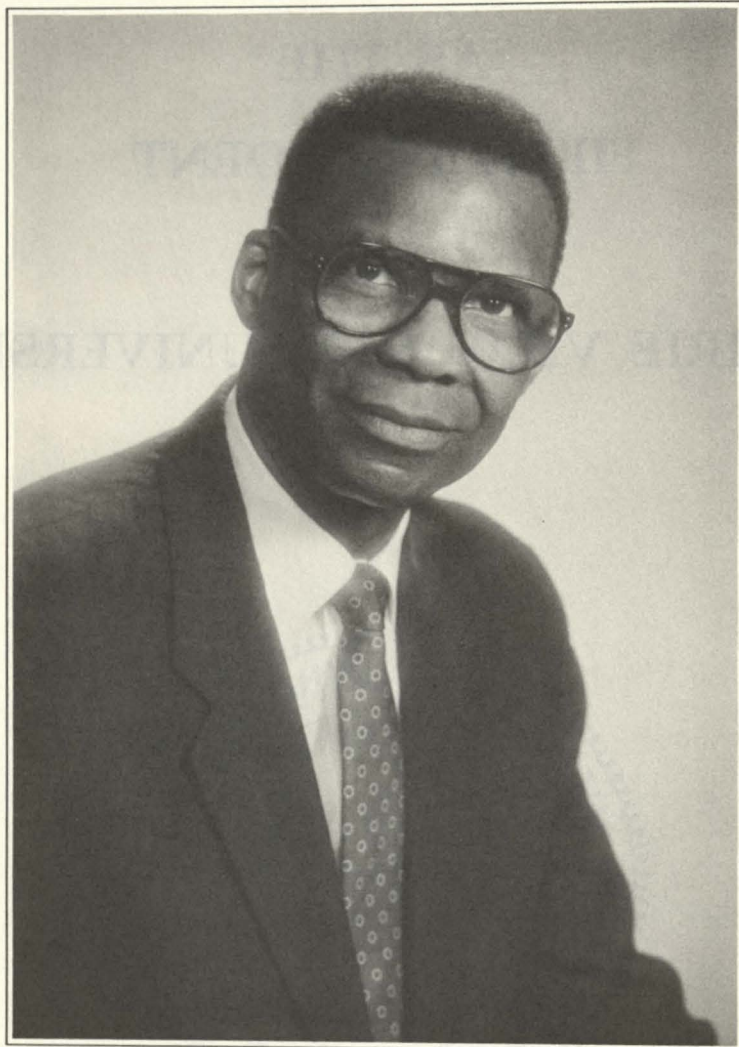


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1990

AT

10:30 A.M.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING  
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS



JULIUS WESLEY BECTON, JR.  
THE  
FIFTH PRESIDENT  
OF  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

# JULIUS W. BECTON, JR., Lt. Gen. (USA-Ret.)

## PRESIDENT

President Julius Wesley Becton's public service career includes two key federal positions after nearly 40 years of active commissioned service in the U.S. Army and rising to the rank of lieutenant general. He is the first graduate of Prairie View A&M University to attain star rank in the military. In November 1989 The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents unanimously elected him President of Prairie View A&M University.

After receiving his B.S. degree in mathematics from Prairie View A&M University in 1960, he later earned his M.A. degree in economics from the University of Maryland in 1967. He is also a graduate of top military schools, including the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the National War College. He holds honorary degrees from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin and Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in July 1944 and graduated from Officer's Candidate School in 1945. A veteran of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, he has served in many positions at posts throughout this country. Overseas duties carried him to Germany, the Philippines, France, the Southwest Pacific, Korea, and Japan. His active duty assignments included Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; Commander, VII U.S. Corps in Germany; and Commander, 1st Cavalry Division; Commander, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Agency.

He served 22 months as director of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance before being nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate as director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a position he held for nearly four years before moving into the private sector. Prior to his acceptance of the position of president of Prairie View A&M University, he served as chief operating officer for American Coastal Industries.

President Becton also recently completed service as the chairman of a New Select Group of the Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee of NATO in Brussels, Belgium.

The native of Bryn Mawr, Pa., served as the secretary on the World Board of Governors for the United Services Organization (USO). He is 1st Vice President of the U.S. Armor Association, a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board, the Board of Trustees for Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College, and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Board of Visitors. He has recently been appointed a member of President Bush's Advisory Board for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and a Board member of The Fund for Improvement of Post Secondary Education. He has been listed in many Who's Who directories and was named by *Ebony Magazine* several times as "One of the 100 Most Influential Blacks in America." Other honors include the Distinguished Service Awards for the Association of the U.S. Army and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Distinguished Knight, Order of St. George; and Honorary Colonel, 17th Cavalry Regiment.

He is married to the former Louise Thornton, and they have five children—Shirley, Karen, Joyce, Renee and Wesley. They also have six grandchildren and one great grandson.

# FALL CONVOCATION AN 1890 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Presiding . . . A. Ramon Thomas  
President, Student Government Association

- PRELUDE: "The Heavens Declare The Glory of God" ..... Benedetto Marcello  
Danny R. Kelley, Organist
- INVOCATION ..... Adrienne Hayes  
Vice President, Student Government Association
- POSTING OF THE COLORS ..... AROTC and NROTC Color Guard
- MUSIC: "The Star Spangled Banner" ..... Francis Scott Key  
Frank L. Hallum, Mr. Prairie View A&M University
- THE OCCASION ..... Melanie Ellis  
Senior, Home Economics-Merchandising
- MUSIC: "Psalm and Alleluia" ..... Marvin Curtis  
University Concert Choir
- INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER ..... Julius W. Becton, Jr. '60  
President, Prairie View A&M University
- ADDRESS ..... General Colin L. Powell  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
- RESPONSE ..... Lt. General Calvin A. H. Waller '59  
Commanding General, I Corps, Ft. Lewis, Washington
- MUSIC: "Festivo" ..... Vaclav Nelhybel  
University Marching Band and 2nd Armored Division Band
- PRESENTATIONS  
The Army ROTC ..... CDT/LTC Zackary Jarmon  
The Navy ROTC ..... MIDN/CMDR Alfred Marshall  
Prairie View A&M University ..... Jolie McKeel  
Miss Prairie View A&M University
- AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE ..... Julius W. Becton, Jr. '60  
President, Prairie View A&M University
- MUSIC: "Rockin' Jerusalem" ..... André J. Thomas  
University Concert Choir
- RECOGNITION OF GUESTS ..... Linda Willis  
Assistant Administrator for Home Economics, Cooperative Extension Program
- ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Kenneth Haley '84  
Instructor, English and Foreign Languages
- ALMA MATER: "Dear Prairie View" ..... Fuller-Sibelius
- RETIRING OF THE COLORS ..... AROTC and NROTC Color Guard
- BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Cube Charleston '61

# ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

## SECTION ONE

The Chief Marshal — Marion Henry  
The Bearer of the Colors & Mace

## SECTION TWO

The Marshal — George Stafford, '48  
Members of the Texas A&M System Board of Regents  
Texas A&M University System Officials  
The Representatives from Governmental Organizations

## SECTION THREE

The Marshal — Freddie L. Frazier, '62  
The Presidents and Other Delegates from Colleges and Universities  
The Representatives from Civic Organizations and Foundations

## SECTION FOUR

The Marshal — Clarissa G. Booker, '68  
The Official Delegates from Learned and Professional Societies  
The Representatives from Associations and Affiliations

## SECTION FIVE

The Marshal — Lillian Bernard, '69  
The Faculty Emeriti

## SECTION SIX

The Marshal — John Fuller, '69  
The Faculty of Prairie View A&M University

## SECTION SEVEN

The Marshal — Renée Bialas  
The Student Organizations

## SECTION EIGHT

The Marshal — Dorisula W. Hawkins, '67  
The Presidential Party

# DELEGATES

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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|------|---|------|--|
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| 1740 | UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA<br>Gary R. Barton<br>Alumnus   | 1871 | ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY<br>Walter Washington<br>President  |
| 1787 | UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURG<br>Francene Aaron<br>Alumna   | 1871 | SMITH COLLEGE<br>Leota Sigrid Boesen<br>Alumna   |
| 1789 | UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT<br>CHAPEL HILL<br>Gale S. Huntington<br>Assistant Professor         | 1873 | WILEY COLLEGE<br>David L. Beckley<br>President   |
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| 1842 | UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME<br>Patrick Cooney<br>Alumnus   | 1876 | HUSTON-TILLOTSON COLLEGE<br>Lt. Gen. John Q. Taylor King<br>Director and Chair, Center for the<br>Advancement of Science, Engineering,<br>& Technology |
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| 1848 | MUHLENBERG COLLEGE<br>Jonathan C. Messerli<br>President   | 1879 | SAM HOUSTON<br>STATE UNIVERSITY<br>Bobby K. Marks<br>Vice President for Academic Affairs and<br>Student Services                                       |
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| 1858 | IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY<br>Lenola Allen-Sommerville<br>Alumna   |      |  |



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| <p>1886 KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY<br/>Verlene Davenport<br/>Alumna</p>                                     | <p>1923 TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY<br/>Len Ainsworth<br/>Vice Provost</p>   |
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| <p>1891 RICE UNIVERSITY<br/>Edward F. Hayes</p>  | <p>1965 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY<br/>LaDonna Hudson<br/>Alumna</p>  |
| <p>1891 TEXAS LUTHERAN COLLEGE<br/>Elizabeth Graf<br/>Board of Regents Member</p>                          | <p>1965 TARRANT COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE<br/>DISTRICT<br/>Erma C. Johnson<br/>Vice Chancellor for Human Resources</p> |
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# DELEGATES

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## ALMA MATER — “DEAR PRAIRIE VIEW”

Dear Prairie View, our song to Thee we raise,  
In gratitude we sing our Hymn of Praise,  
For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections  
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee.  
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion,  
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

As days go by, our hearts will not grow cold,  
We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold  
We'll through our lives exemplify thy teachings,  
We'll always strive a blessing to be.  
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,  
We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. ANDERSON FULLER

Music from “Finlandia” by *Sibelius*