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Third Annual
Parents Convocation

Sponsored By
PRAIRIE VIEW A. & M. COLLEGE
AND
PRAIRIE VIEW PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Theme "The Road Ahead"



SEPTEMBER 14, 1969
2:00 P.M.

PRAIRIE VIEW A & M COLLEGE
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COLLEGE

Historically the philosophy of Prairie View A. and M. College has been to assist each student in living a worth while life and making a worth while living.

This philosophy is accomplished through the following aims and objectives of the College.

1. To develop responsible citizens who will contribute to the democratic life.
2. To develop a community of scholars.
3. To provide an environment where students may achieve the optimal personal and social development.
4. To provide for the maximum intellectual development of the student.
5. To provide each student with saleable skills in a vocation or group of vocations.
6. To assist each student to become a leader in his generation.
7. To assist each student to make the best use of his resources in college and later life.
8. To assist each student in becoming an over-achiever.
9. To develop in each student a moral concern for others and a concept of service to others.
10. To have the entire campus (including residence halls) serve as a center of learning as well as a center of wholesome democratic living.



DR. ALVIN I. THOMAS

BRIEF STATEMENT ABOUT THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

Dr. A. I. Thomas was appointed President of Prairie View A. and M. College in November, 1966.

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Thomas has been a resident of Texas since 1949.

He attended the public schools of New Orleans and completed two years of liberal arts work at Xavier University. He received the B.S. and M.S. degrees from Kansas State College in 1948 and 1949, respectively.

After studying at Pennsylvania State College, he enrolled at The Ohio State University where he earned the Ph.D. degree in 1957. He also attended the University of Michigan in 1963 and the University of Nebraska in 1965.

Dr. Thomas has had a wealth of experience as a teacher, supervisor and administrator. He has also served as a consultant to schools and industrial companies. In 1952, he served as a consultant to the Foreign Operations Administration and completed a study entitled, "Technical Education in Liberia." Since 1964 he has served as a consultant to Dow Chemical Company, Litton Industries and Westinghouse Management services.

He is a member of many professional and honorary societies in the field of management and education. He is the holder of both the laureate and honorary citations of Epsilon Pi Tau, Inc. Recently, Dr. Thomas was selected as a Holt Fellow by Yale University.

Dr. Thomas is married to the former Iris Butler and is the father of two sons and twin daughters.

CULTURAL SERIES
and
ALL COLLEGE CONVOCATION SPEAKERS
1969 - 70

DATE	ATTRACTION
October 2.....	Dr. A. I. Thomas
October 6.....	Friends of Distinction
October 23.....	The Honorable Carl Rowan
October 26.....	Opera — Jones Hall
October 29.....	The Believers
November 7.....	Herbie Mann
November 20.....	Michael E. Debakey, M. D.
December 14.....	Opera — Jones Hall
December 15.....	Annual Christmas Concert (with instruments—The Houston Symphony)
January 7.....	Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm
January 11.....	Opera — Jones Hall
January 15.....	Mongo Santimaria (Jazz Group)
February 22.....	Opera — Jones Hall
February 26.....	Prairie View Chamber Choir
March 5.....	Houston Symphony
March 19.....	Mr. Thomas Bradley
March 22 or 23.....	Grand Opera Production
April 9.....	Speaker to be announced
May 10.....	Opera — Jones Hall

PROGRAM

Presiding: Mrs. Eva M. Mosby
AUSTIN, TEXAS

INVOCATION Father James Moore

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT Mrs. Eva M. Mosby

VOCAL SELECTION - Music Department of P.V. A. and M. College

THE OCCASION Mrs. Delia M. Hunt
State Coordinator
Prairie View
Parents Association

PRESENTATIONS:

President, Prairie View A&M College Dr. A. I. Thomas

The First Lady Mrs. Iris Thomas

Prairie View Queen Polly Elmore

The Queen's Mother Mrs. Callie Elmore

President, Student Gov. Association Mr. Marvin Bell

The P. S. G. A.'s Mother Mrs. Pinkston Lee Bell

VOCAL SELECTION - Music Department of P.V. A. and M. College

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Mr. J. D. Anderson
Kilgore, Texas

SPEAKER: "THE ROAD AHEAD" .. Dr. A. I. Thomas, President
Prairie View A&M College

SECTIONAL MEETINGS Mr. C. L. Wilson, Dean
Prairie View A&M College
Presiding

DIALOGUE WITH ACADEMIC DEANS,
DEPARTMENT HEADS, FACULTY AND PARENTS

FOUR-FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. Parents Hour
Memorial Center, Ballroom
President and Mrs. Thomas

IDEALS FOR THE PRAIRIE VIEW MAN AND THE PRAIRIE VIEW WOMAN

Deep in the heart and fiber of the Prairie View spirit are ten basic ideals which have been traditional at the College. These students who have made their own commitment to these ideals have found the spirit . . . and they have broadened and deepened it . . .

We commend these ideals to you . . . the present generation of students . . .

1. *FRATERNITY*

The Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman are linked together in brotherhood and sisterhood. This fraternity is expressed through kindness, thoughtfulness, respect, consideration, encouragement, and assistance to his fellow students.

2. *FRIENDLINESS*

The Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman are known by their friendliness. They are cheerful and hospitable. They greet their fellow students, faculty, friends and visitors with a warm smile and a cheerful "hello". They are polite and considerate of others. They are persons who make everyone feel welcome.

3. *HONESTY*

The Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman are honest with themselves and their fellowmen. They will not tolerate dishonesty in themselves nor their fellowmen.

4. *SCHOLARSHIP*

The Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman are scholars. They are scholarly in dress, in attitude, in disposition, and in himself, he puts his best foot forward at all times.

5. *CLEANLINESS*

The Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman are clean. They are clean in body, clean in their thoughts and clean in their actions.

6. *HEALTH*

Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman know the value of health. They realize that their bodies are the temple of the mind; therefore they seek to protect and safeguard their bodies.

7. *RESPECT*

The Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman give respect to others and commands respect for themselves. Whether alone or with others they maintain their dignity and honor by seeking truth and knowledge.

8. *RESPONSIBILITY*

The Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman are responsible persons. They are responsible for truth, order, self discipline. They have a trusteeship with other students, the faculty, the administration and they maintain their duty as alumni for supporting and strengthening the college.

9. *SERVICE*

The Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman are characterized by a concept of service. They understand that the greatest achievement of man is to be of service to others.

10. *REVERENCE TO A SUPREME BEING*

The Prairie View Man and the Prairie View Woman are reverent. They acknowledge the presence of some other force greater than man which is the cause for man.

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, for friends and recollections,
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee,
For these we pledged 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 teaching,
We'll always strive a blessing to be.
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We'll love thee now, and through eterniy.

Words by O. ANDERSON FULLER
Music from "FINLANDIA" by
Sibelius