

850 students begin PVAMU's virtual New Student Orientation in the first week

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Some 500 freshmen and transfer students have completed the online alternative to an on-campus orientation.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas – In less than a week since the online launch of New Student Orientation (NSO), more than 850 incoming students at Prairie View A&M University have officially begun their First Year Experience.

The new orientation website went live on Thursday, May 21, 2020. By May 27, 500 freshmen and transfer students had completed Phase 1 of their introduction to PVAMU.

Valerie L. Holmes, assistant vice president for Student Experience, said campus partners pulled together during the pandemic to rethink NSO, and within three weeks, had the programming, experience, and a new website ready to deliver an engaging online experience.

“Students will receive updates via social media, phone calls, text messages, emails, and the recently revamped NSO website,” said Holmes. “This will be a multi-platform experience that focuses on tasks, activities, and events that are designed to build community and prepare students for life on ‘The Hill.’”

For Phase II, Students will spend the summer bonding and building a virtual community based on their majors and personal interests.

Read more about the first-year experience in this article: [PVAMU NSO 2020](#)

For more information on PVAMU's 2020 New Student Orientation, contact the New Student Orientation hotline at (936) 261-5912, by email NSO@pvamu.edu, or visit at www.pvamu.edu/orientation.

About Prairie View A&M University:

Designated an institution of “the first class” in the Texas Constitution, Prairie View A&M University is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in the state. With an established reputation for producing engineers, nurses, and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees, master's degrees, and doctoral degree programs through nine colleges and schools. A member of The Texas A&M University System, the university is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research, and service. For more information regarding PVAMU, visit www.pvamu.edu.

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