



## OUTSTANDING PVAMU BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE GRADS PUSH LIMITS TO MAKE IT TO COMMENCEMENT DAY

*Prairie View A&M University highlights four determined students with inspiring stories.*

**PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas** (August 8, 2024) – As the Summer semester at Prairie View A&M University draws to a close, we are pleased to announce the upcoming 113th Summer Commencement Convocation. This year, the ceremony will be held on August 10. A total of 273 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees from eight colleges will be officially recognized as having met all the necessary requirements to complete their course of study. The University's total alumni count will stand at over 83,825 "Proud and Productive Panthers" following the event.

Faculty members shared inspiring stories of outstanding students with remarkable stories that exemplify the institution's tagline: *Excellence Lives Here*. PVAMU recognizes these features are of interest to local, regional, and national media, and offer an exclusive invitation to journalists who would like to interview the best and brightest, listed below:

### [Arianna Williams](#)

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management

Arianna's story: She is a native Houstonian, graduating in less than four years (at the age of 19), and has been accepted to law school. Arianna is founding president of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at PVAMU. The first-generation college graduate credits her mom with her success.

### [Carterica Clark](#)

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management

Carterica's story: First generation college student from Shreveport, Louisiana. She is also a small-business owner, and started her successful company while in college, using the knowledge she obtained from PVAMU's business management programs. She secured coveted internships at the Federal Reserve Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank. Carterica's academic and professional experience at Prairie View A&M helped her earn a position with Cintas, a Fortune 500 company, post-graduation.

### [Tyishia S. N. Goldsberry](#)

Doctor of Business Administration

Tyishia's story: Tyishia hails from Portsmouth, VA, and continues a legacy of women in her family earning doctoral and master's degrees, and is part of the largest graduating doctoral class at Prairie View A&M as well as the first cohort of Doctor of Business Administration candidates. Tyishia proudly fulfilled her late mom's dream of her daughter attending an HBCU. She is published in the Journal of Business Diversity and a member of the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success. Tyishia owns several businesses and looks forward to expanding her entrepreneurial ventures.

### **Charity Rain Sanders**

Bachelor of Science, Agriculture (Pre-Veterinarian)

Charity's story: Charity, born and raised in Houston, has been hard at work throughout her college career, no easy feat when enrolled in the rigorous College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources at PVAMU. She was accepted into the Future Aggie Veterinarian Experience Program at Texas A&M University. In the Summer of 2024, Charity was accepted into the Vet Up Program at Purdue University. Charity served as a volunteer at the Waller Equine Hospital and Companion Animal Hospital of Waller and maintained a job at a mobile veterinary clinic during her time at Prairie View A&M University.

Media representatives interested in speaking with these accomplished scholars should contact Liz Faublas-Wallace at [lswallace@pvamu.edu](mailto:lswallace@pvamu.edu).

**About the event:**

Event: PVAMU's 113th Summer Commencement Convocation  
Dates: August 10, 2024  
Times: 9 a.m. CST  
Location: William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building, Prairie View A&M University  
945 O.J Thomas Street, Prairie View, Texas 77446

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