



## PVAMU “HONORS PROGRAM” STUDENTS JOIN ELITE RANKS OF 2024 WHITE HOUSE HBCU SCHOLARS

*Prairie View A&M University scholars  
Nadia Higgins and Haile Allen are among the distinguished group.*

**PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas** (August 9, 2024) – The White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through [Historically Black Colleges and Universities \(HBCUs\)](#) announced the 2024 cohort of [HBCU Scholars](#), and two accomplished Prairie View A&M University students are part of this year’s illustrious program. [Honors Program](#) scholars Nadia Higgins, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering and a Brooke Owens Fellow, and Haile Allen, a senior biology major and Undergraduate Medical Academy scholar, earned the coveted designation.

“It is an exciting time to be a part of such a creative and diverse learning environment”, says Dr. Quincy C. Moore, III, Director of Prairie View A&M’s Honors Program. “These outstanding students deserve the recognition, and their selection will help our program persist in promoting innovation and creativity in every student. We look forward to the continued success of preparing scholars for a global impact.”

This year, 110 outstanding students from 77 HBCUs across the nation have been selected for their exceptional academic achievements, leadership potential, and dedication to their communities.

“For 10 years, the HBCU Scholars program has celebrated the exceptional academic talent and achievements of students at our Historically Black Colleges and Universities – a recognition that reflects the Biden-Harris Administration’s determination to fight for our nation’s HBCUs and their immense contributions to excellence and diversity in higher education,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

Currently representing 23 states and 11 countries, this group of HBCU Scholars were chosen from a competitive pool of over 350 applicants. The 2024 cohort includes students from a diverse array of disciplines, including science, technology, engineering, math, humanities, social sciences, and the arts. These scholars have demonstrated not only academic excellence but also a strong commitment to service and leadership in their communities. Throughout the year, the HBCU Scholars will engage in a series of workshops, leadership development programs, and networking events designed to enhance their skills and expand their horizons. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to connect with industry leaders, policymakers, and alumni of the program, further enriching their educational experience. Aligned with the U.S. Department of Education’s mission to [Raise the Bar](#), students in this program are encouraged to lift their communities, unite others around student success, work to strengthen our democracy, and grow our economy.

HBCU Scholars will also be invited to the [2024 HBCU Week National Annual Conference](#), held on September 15-19, 2024 in Philadelphia, PA. This year’s conference themes are, “Raising the Bar: Where Excellence and Opportunity Meet.” During the conference, HBCU Scholars will participate in conference sessions designed to engage a spirit of innovation, leadership, and personal and professional development.

Since its inception in 2014, the HBCU Scholars program has been committed to recognizing and supporting the brightest and service-oriented minds from HBCUs. Over the past decade, the program has empowered over 500 students, providing them with invaluable opportunities for personal and professional growth, mentorship, and networking.

More information about the 110 HBCU Scholars’ activities will be provided in the coming months as they serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

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

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**, founded in 1876, is the second oldest public institution of higher education in the state of Texas and the third largest Historically Black College/University (HBCU) in the nation. Designated as an “institution of the first class” in the Texas Constitution, the enrollment exceeds 9,000 students and over 80,000 graduates. PVAMU offers academic programs through its 11 colleges and schools, boasting degree options leading to bachelor’s and doctoral-level degrees. A Carnegie-classified high-research (R2) University and a member of The Texas A&M University System, PVAMU is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research, and service. For more information, visit [www.pvamu.edu](http://www.pvamu.edu).

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