



## PVAMU'S FALL 2024 GRADUATES INSPIRED BY TWO TRAILBLAZING WOMEN LEADERS AT COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

**PRAIRIE VIEW**, Texas (December 16, 2024) - Prairie View A&M University proudly celebrated its 29th Fall Commencement ceremonies, honoring the achievements of its graduates. The events took place at the William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building (Baby Dome) and featured two distinguished speakers who are leaders in their respective fields.

Prairie View A&M President Tomikia P. LeGrande conferred a total of 704 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees from eight colleges to students who successfully completed their academic programs. Family, alumni, faculty, and staff members gathered in the William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building to celebrate their hard work, dedication, and achievements.

On Friday, December 13, the ceremony honored Graduate Studies candidates, including those earning doctoral and master's degrees. The keynote speaker for this event was Dr. Monica G. Williams, the inaugural president of Texas Woman's University's Houston campus.

The commencement continued on Saturday, December 14, with Thasunda Brown Duckett, President and CEO of TIAA, addressing the graduates. Ms. Duckett leads a major provider of secure retirements and outcome-focused investment solutions for millions of people and thousands of institutions.

To view the ceremonies, visit [www.youtube.com/pvamu](http://www.youtube.com/pvamu).

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**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 eight colleges and schools, boasting degree options leading to bachelor's to 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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