



Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp will retire in June 2025

PVAMU President Congratulates Sharp on Retirement

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (July 1, 2024) – After nearly 14 years, Chancellor John Sharp announced that he is retiring as chancellor of the Texas A&M University System on June 30, 2025. Sharp, the longest-serving chancellor in the System’s history, sent a letter to constituents on Monday thanking past and present regents, system employees, and elected officials for their years of support.

“Leading this grand enterprise has been one of the great privileges of my life,” Sharp said. “I feel a deep sense of gratitude to all of you who have shown confidence in me and contributed to our collective endeavor. Together, we have lifted the Texas A&M System to historic heights.”

Prairie View A&M University President & CEO Tomikia P. LeGrande commented on the chancellor’s impending retirement, saying, “Chancellor Sharp has been an avid supporter of Prairie View A&M University. His influence with the state legislature was instrumental in helping the University secure its funding for the Agricultural funding match during the 88th legislative session, a condition of PVAMU’s 1890 Land-Grant University status. In addition, under his tenure, PVAMU has grown in its campus landscape -- with more than **\$340 million** allocated to construction projects. He has been known to say, ‘PVAMU is the most beautiful campus in the Texas A&M System.’ We join with others throughout the state and nation in thanking Chancellor Sharp for his support of Prairie View A&M University and the Texas A&M System.”

Under Sharp’s tenure, in the past 12 years, Prairie View has received more than \$36 million in research funding allocated from the chancellor’s research fund, and the allocation from A&M’s permanent endowment has also increased by nearly 150%, from \$12.1 million in 2011 to \$29.9 million in 2023.

Campus Construction Projects

May 2013	Student Recreation Center \$31,494,838
October 2013	Agriculture & Business Multipurpose Classroom Building \$38,231,752
November 2014	Football Stadium & Athletic Field House \$63,010,374
September 2016	Fabrication Center \$17,158,00
April 2017	Capital Improvements \$20,221,720
April 2017	Energy Consumption Reduction \$15,302,030
November 2018	Agriculture Comprehensive Facility \$6,093,828
August 2024	Teaching & Academic Student Support Services Facility \$44,922,833

Student Housing

Phase 6 \$4,089,970
Phase 7 \$15,804,282
Phase 8 \$26,917,133
Phase 9 \$41,000,000

City of Prairie View

50 Acre Development Tract \$80,000,000
Innovation and Commercialization Center for Entrepreneur \$10,100,000

The Board of Regents will conduct a national search in the coming months for Sharp's successor, said Chairman Bill Mahomes.

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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 11 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.

About The Texas A&M University System

The Texas A&M University System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a budget of \$7.3 billion. Through a statewide network of 11 universities, a comprehensive health science center, eight state agencies, Texas A&M-Fort Worth and Texas A&M-RELLIS, the Texas A&M System educates more than 157,000 students and makes more than 21 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceed \$1 billion and help drive the state's economy.

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