



TRAILBLAZING PRESIDENT OF TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY-HOUSTON NAMED PVAMU FALL COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (November 13, 2024) – Prairie View A&M University is proud to announce that Dr. Monica G. Williams, a distinguished higher education leader, and PVAMU alumna, will deliver the keynote address at the Fall Commencement ceremony on December 13, 2024.

Dr. Williams currently serves as the inaugural president of Texas Woman's University's Houston campus, a position she has held since August 26, 2024. With a robust background in partnerships and fundraising, Dr. Williams has made significant contributions to the field of higher education. Her previous roles include foundation president and vice president of advancement at the University of North Texas at Dallas, where she played a pivotal role in increasing enrollment by 60% and developing the university's values-based strategic plan.

Dr. Williams' commitment to education and community development is further exemplified by her teaching roles in the Houston Independent School District and her leadership in community-based programming at Neighborhood Centers Inc.

PVAMU President Tomikia LeGrande expressed her enthusiasm for Dr. Williams' participation in the commencement ceremony, stating, "Dr. Williams' vast career and myriad of professional experiences in higher education make her an ideal choice to impart inspiring words of wisdom to our graduates. Also, as a PVAMU alumna, we are confident that the message she will deliver will be motivational and well-received."

The Fall Commencement ceremony will be held at the William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building on the PVAMU campus. Graduates, their families, and the university community are invited to join in celebrating this significant milestone.

The University will stream the event live at www.pvamu.edu/stream and www.youtube.com/pvamu.

For more information about the Fall Commencement, please visit our website. For media inquiries, contact Liz Faublas-Wallace at lswallace@pvamu.edu.

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