The countdown to Spring 2019 Commencement is on. The ceremony is May 11 in Panther Stadium at 9 a.m. for all colleges. Award-winning author, esteemed public intellectual, and noted political analyst Michael Eric Dyson will be our guest speaker. For more information about the event, including pinning ceremonies and ticket information, visit pvamu.edu/academicaffairs/commencement.

With finals less than a month away, SpringFest 2019 was a blast for students, faculty, and staff members alike. From Sunday, March 31, to Friday, April 5, there was everything from the New Members Yard Show, to Super Hump Day (with a live camel), to Unity Day on “The Hill.” These events brought the campus together for fun, games, food, and music.

In March, the Women’s Leadership Council held an opening event for Women’s History Month featuring Dr. Melanye Price. Price joined PVAMU’s Political Science Department as an endowed professor earlier this spring. She’s also principal investigator for the university’s Mellon Foundation African American Studies Initiative.

During Spring Break, we had students traveling across the globe. Various groups studied abroad in China, Costa Rica, and Egypt. In Austin, an interdisciplinary team of students beat out several well-known rivals during this year’s HBCU Battle of the Brains competition, winning $25,000.

The College of Agriculture and Human Sciences set another record at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for having the longest-running educational booth at the popular event. The PVAMU Livestock Club also won awards for goats raised at PVAMU’s International Goat Research Center.

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If you do a quick google search on the Internet on Dr. Matthew Sadiku, you will find he’s a Texas A&M University System Regents Professor in Prairie View A&M University’s Electrical and Computer Science Department, an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Fellow, and an author of more than 80 books. In fact, professors at more than 100 universities across the country use his books to teach their classes.

“When I was studying in college in the ’70s and ’80s, I realized there wasn’t one book that included everything,” said Sadiku. “So I began writing what I thought would be an all-encompassing book.”


At PVAMU, Sadiku’s books are used in the seven classes he teaches. Other professors also use them throughout the year.

“It takes me a lot of time to understand new concepts. But once I do, it clicks, and it’s very easy for me to teach others. I have a passion for this,” said Sadiku.
PVAMU to Host Inaugural Research Week

By Marchita Shilo

Prairie View A&M University will host its first ever Research Week April 10-12. Initiated by the Office of Research, Innovation, and Sponsored Programs, in partnership with the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center (under the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology), the event will feature research work done by faculty members, scientists, and undergraduate and graduate students of PVAMU.

“On April 10, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, faculty and scientists are invited out to the new PVAMU Welcome Center where they can contribute up to five research presentations. We want to recognize and celebrate their research, innovative, and creative accomplishments,” said Ali Fares, Interim Vice President for Research.

The next day, undergraduate and graduate students of all majors will gather at the Student Recreational Center to showcase their research projects through poster and oral presentations. This marks the 14th year of the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center organizing this student research symposium.

“Not only is this a great opportunity for students present their research, but they also get to practice public speaking in preparation for future conferences, as well as interviews,” said Susan Frazier-Kouassi, Director of the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center. “Furthermore, they get a chance to network with other students and faculty, both in their discipline and others, and grow as emerging professionals in their fields of study.”

Research Week ends on April 12 with an award ceremony from 2-4 p.m. in the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology’s Don K. Clark Auditorium.

“In addition to announcing student and faculty winners of outstanding poster and paper presentations, we’ll also recognize three researchers at the assistant, associate, and full professor levels who have made a significant contribution to their fields of study at Prairie View A&M University,” said Fares.

“Through Research Week, we look forward to facilitating collaborations across disciplines and further contributing to the goal of PVAMU becoming an emerging research university,” said Frazier-Kouassi.

Additional information about PVAMU Research Week can be found at www.pvamu.edu/research and www.pvamu.edu/cojjp/annual-research-symposium.
Joint Effort by PVAMU Faculty, Staff, Students Offers Free Tax Help

By Marchita Shilo

Prairie View A&M University’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program once again offered free income tax preparation January through March. The program, a partnership between the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and PVAMU’s College of Business (COB) and Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) under the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences (CAHS), utilized PVAMU faculty, staff, and students who were certified tax preparers through the IRS.

“Jasmine Powell, who is a senior accounting major, led the effort for our students on the COB side,” said Accounting Professor Clyde McNeil. In February, Dr. Brian Lee, another accounting professor in the COB, helped members of the Korean American Senior Citizens Association in Houston through two VITA sessions.

“Six graduate accounting students helped prepare around 70 tax returns during those two days,” said Lee. “It was a good example of service-learning education because students felt progress in their learning and achievement by producing commercial products (i.e., tax returns) using tax knowledge and computer skills they learned in the class. In addition, they had the opportunity to interact with people from different cultural backgrounds. We are different from each other but learn how we can live together by helping each other.”

And, under the leadership of Cooperative Extension Regional Program leaders Dr. Jacquelyn White and Jimmy Henry, the IRS VITA program was expanded to residents living in Waller, Grimes, Jefferson, and Bell Counties, to name a few.

“Given the changes in the new tax laws, we wanted to enhance our partnership by certifying more Family and Community Health and Community and Economic Development County Extension Agents to assist residents. Also, we extended operation hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The IRS VITA program allowed us to continue to provide a great example of campus partnership and community outreach,” said Bridget Ross, a program specialist in the Cooperative Extension, Community and Economic Development unit.

“We miss Professor William Vetter who started the VITA program in 2004 and retired last year. But we are fortunate for new leaders who stepped in to continue and strengthen this important outreach,” said COB Dean Dr. Munir Quddus. “This program is perhaps one of the best examples of ‘service and experiential learning’ that we organize on campus for our students and the community.”
PVAMU Part of Google’s Tech Exchange Program in Silicon Valley

By Marchita Shilo

This spring, a group of juniors from Prairie View A&M University’s computer science program is taking part in Google’s Tech Exchange program in Mountain View, California. Shane May-Gunlogson, Kayla R. Butler, and Devyn I. Allen are living and studying on Google’s main campus. Students and faculty members from eleven Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), including PVAMU, are represented in the yearlong initiative (Howard University, Florida A&M University, California State University Dominguez Hills, Morgan State University, New Mexico State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Dillard University, University of Texas-El Paso, University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, Spelman College).

“We’re committed to building a more diverse and representative Google that reflects our users. That’s why, as part of our strategy to do so, we’re continuing to hire and invest in the talent of tomorrow,” said a Google representative.

Dr. Yonggao Yang, professor and department head in PVAMU’s computer science department, said, “If successful, this program will have a very positive impact on PVAMU’s CS program. Students will be more competitive and better prepared for IT jobs.”

Selected students can earn course credits by taking a variety of computer science courses. Member HBCU and HCI faculty members, as well as Google engineers, are leading the classes.

“What’s the benefit to PVAMU? Well, based on information taught in these classes, we will be able to update and enhance our CS curriculum with the newly developed course materials taught at Google’s campus. We also have the opportunity to enhance our CS faculty development by sending our faculty members to Google’s campus to teach and work alongside Google software engineers,” said Yang.

PVAMU CS students pictured left to right: Shane May-Gunlogson, Kayla R. Butler, and Devyn I. Allen
PVAMU wins HBCU Battle of the Brains during SXSW

Prairie View A&M University Panthers won this year’s HBCU Battle of the Brains competition in Austin on March 10, 2019, during South by Southwest (SXSW). PVAMU’s team conquered well-known HBCU rivalries battling it out, winning $25,000 – and bragging rights.

Organized by the Black MBA Association, the event’s mission is to promote the talented business and STEM students within the African American community while highlighting the benefits of SXSW, as well as the technology industry, in an engaging and dynamic way. The competition pits groups of students from HBCUs around the country, who develop solutions to a complex issue, then pitch their solution in front of judges, as well as a live audience.

PVAMU’s team of five students, Dannick Boyogueno, Amber Diehl, Oluseun John, Uchechukwu Uboh, and Seif Hediya from the College of Business and the College of Engineering, reigned as victors.

“This win shows not only how talented and competitive our students are, but the power that comes from having a diverse interdisciplinary team,” said Munir Quddus, dean of the College of Business.

The PVAMU competitors spent long hours and several days preparing for the competition under the direction of faculty advisors Rick Baldwin, associate professor of Management & Marketing, Audria Ford, adjunct professor of Finance, and Herbert Thomas, program specialist and counselor to the team. In the end, the team had 24 hours to conduct research and prepare a comprehensive solution for an NFL case study.

The group also met with a host of sponsors and had opportunities to network with potential mentors and employers. HBCU Battle of the Brains offers opportunities for students to enjoy the SXSW conference, and build fellowship, their professional skills, and improve their network as they are interviewed by sponsors (including the NFL and NBA this year).

Founded in 1987 in Austin, Texas, SXSW is best known for its conference and festivals that celebrate the convergence of the interactive, film, and music industries, the annual event features sessions, showcases, screenings, exhibitions, and a variety of networking opportunities. Industry experts, brilliant minds, and global icons gather every spring to exchange concepts, revolutionary ideas, to launch startups, and find talent that changes how people see and engage the world.
Executive Director to Become First African-American President-Elect of TxDLA

Beginning this July, Charlene Stubblefield, executive director of Prairie View A&M University’s Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS), will step into her new role as president-elect of the Texas Distance Learning Association (TxDLA), the leading Texas membership association for distance learning professionals. She will be the first African-American elected into this position in the organization’s 23-year history.

“I am excited and grateful for this opportunity to lead this organization as it implements effective distance learning strategies for Texans and beyond,” said Stubblefield.

TxDLA Board Chair Dr. Michelle Singh said, “Ms. Stubblefield has served the association proudly for many years and has assumed progressive leadership positions such as Gulf-Coast Regional Coordinator and now currently serves as the Regional Group Coordinator on the Board of Directors. She will lead the association dedicated to the progression of digital learning across the state and prides itself on bringing together some of the brightest and most talented individuals in the industry.”

Librarian Appointed to American Library Association Committee

Prairie View A&M University Distance Services Librarian Elizabeth Jean Brumfield was appointed to serve on the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) Advisory Committee of the American Library Association (ALA).

“As the organization sets the standards for library service worldwide, I recognize this tremendous responsibility.”

Advisory Committee members offer dynamic perspectives to help guide the strategic direction of ODLOS, assess program effectiveness, encourage the exploration of new ideas and initiatives, and strengthen the growth of equity and inclusion within the American Library Association and the profession as a whole.

An ALA spokesperson said, “ALA President-Elect Wanda Brown believes strongly in the value that active membership brings to ALA members, libraries, and the public. Brumfield was invited to take part in demonstrating that value and expertise for advancing ALA’s effectiveness in transforming and advocating for the library profession.”

Brumfield’s two-year term begins this June.
COB Professor Publishes Two Books

Dr. Reginald Bell, professor of management in Prairie View A&M University’s College of Business, recently published two books, “Managerial Communication for Organizational Development” and “Managerial Communication for Professional Development.” The books, co-written with Dr. Jeanette Martin, Professor Emeritus at the University of Mississippi, help managers at any organization level anticipate and respond to paramount communication issues.

“Challenges occur rapidly and with no warning. Media manipulations of public perceptions can destroy a business. Knowing what to do, what to say, and what not to say is paramount in dealing with complex cultural issues faced by today’s managers. Developing effective communication strategies, internally and externally, will keep organizations viable,” said Bell.

The books are available to buy online, but PVAMU students can view them at no cost.

Department of Mathematics Publishes Special Issue of AAM

Special Issue No. 4 (March 2019) of Application and Applied Mathematics: An International Journal (AAM) is available to view online. The issue contains 13 papers from writers across the globe. Dr. Aliakbar Haghighi, professor and head of the Department of Mathematics at Prairie View A&M University, serves as Editor-in-Chief of AAM. Special Issue No. 4, along with other special and regular issues of AAM, can be viewed at pvamu.edu/aam. The next regular issue will be available in June 2019.
COB Hosts Inaugural Young Investor Symposium for Local High School Students

On Feb. 2, Prairie View A&M University’s College of Business hosted its first-ever Young Investor Symposium for dozens of students from three area high schools (Nimitz High School, Cleveland High School, and Young Women’s College Preparatory Academy). According to Dr. Yi Zhang, associate professor of finance, the goal of the event was to expose young students to financial literacy, promote PVAMU’s financial programs, and help the university build stronger relationships with the high schools.

During the daylong symposium, students had discussions with COB Dean Dr. Munir Quddus, Professor Danny Harvey, and Department Head Dr. Moosa Khan, engaged in the panel dialogs with professionals from CFA Institute, Charles Schwab and Merrill Lynch. They also participated in breakout sessions on trading room, financial literacy, investment club, and cryptocurrency.

“We had a stock challenge with prizes from Charles Schwab, Bechtel Oil, Gas & Chemicals, Inc., and COB faculty, which included a professional panel on investment careers,” said Zhang. “Overall, the event surpassed expectation. Students showed extraordinary interest and were highly engaged in the event. They can’t wait for the next challenge and symposium.”

Art Exhibit Featured at NWHC

In February, the John B. Coleman Library and the Northwest Houston Center welcomed the Houston Museum of African American Culture’s presentation of Over There Some Place. The exhibition curated by Dominic Clay features works of emerging Houston artists Vernon Akili, Blake Bean, Mack Bishop, Lee Carrier, Christie Leday, Romeo Clay Robinson and Farrah Smith, Shawn Artis, Eddie Filers and Aesha Lee. Over There Some Place will remain on exhibit at the Houston Northwest Center for public viewing until April 14.

For more information, visit pvamu.libguides.com/c.php?g=914396.
Music Executive Mathew Knowles Gives Presentation on Entrepreneurship

Prairie View A&M University’s College of Business welcomed Dr. Mathew Knowles to campus Feb. 20 for the presentation, “The Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship: The Business of Music, Film and Entertainment Industry.” Knowles is an author, professor, lecturer, public speaker, entrepreneur, music executive, artist manager, and founder, president and CEO of Music World Entertainment.
The College of Agriculture and Human Sciences (CAHS) hosted its 6th annual Invitational FFA Career Development Event (CDE) featuring high school FFA students competing in 11 agriculture-related events at various campus venues on February 21. It was an opportunity for students to demonstrate their abilities in the following career and leadership areas: veterinary science, prepared and extemporaneous public speaking, nursery and landscape, floriculture, land evaluation, home site evaluation, farm business management, entomology, milk quality, and poultry evaluation. Event winners received team and individual awards at a ceremony following the event.

FFA student participants totaled 859, and instructors and chaperons totaled 134 from 81 school districts around the state, with participants as far away as San Antonio and Lindale.

Wash A. Jones, Associate Professor in CAHS and Chair of the CDE and LDE Planning Committees, said, “Bringing students to Prairie View A&M University leads them to realize that we are another academic option for them if they want to pursue a degree in agriculture.”

Since the inaugural CDE in February 2014, CAHS has hosted almost 5800 students.

By Dr. Wash Jones, Associate Professor, CAHS
Spring Break 2019
#pvgoesglobal

Faculty members lead trips abroad

- China – Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences
- Egypt – College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology
- Australia – College of Business
- Costa Rica – College of Agriculture and Human Sciences
CAMPUS UPGRADES AVAILABLE SUMMER 2019

Under the $2.5 million Classroom Enhancement Project, work will wrap up in over 150 rooms across campus, including painting walls, installing chair rails, replacing carpet, tile, and ceiling tiles, and updating classroom tables and chairs to the new standard. Classrooms are also being equipped with stationary presentation technology and software solutions.

AD ASTRA | ASTRA SCHEDULE AVAILABLE SUMMER 2019

Astra Schedule is a web-based, enterprise class scheduling and calendaring system that coordinates rooms, resources, notifications, and timetables. Excelling in both academics and events, Astra Schedule can help the university reach its goals, from growing enrollments by maximizing classroom space to scheduling catering services for an event, and everything in between. Astra Schedule provides academic scheduling, Student Information System (SIS) integration, event management, enterprise calendaring, and a customizable web homepage for easy access.

AD ASTRA | PLATINUM ANALYTICS AVAILABLE FALL 2019

Platinum Analytics evaluates course offering supply-and-demand and identifies space and time bottlenecks to help support enrollment growth and improve graduation rates. Reevaluating how many sections and seats a course needs helps to free underutilized space. This reallocation of resources not only addresses space bottlenecks but also allows current students the opportunity to graduate sooner while making room for growing enrollments.

ELLUCIAN CRM ADVISE AVAILABLE FALL 2019

CRM Advise is state-of-the-art student success and retention software. It helps automate personalized student engagement by developing successful intervention strategies for student success.

IT TRAINING WEEK WEEK OF JUNE 10, 2019

PVAMU faculty, staff, and administrators will have an opportunity to learn more about IT resources available at the university. Training topics and times will be posted soon at pvamu.edu/its/it-training-week.
PVAMU Receives State-of-the-Art Equipment from IBM

IBM donated and installed two POWER8 and FPGA servers in the Deep Learning Lab of the CREDIT center in the Roy G. Perry College of Engineering at Prairie View A&M University. The advanced POWER8 server facilitates big data computing, while FPGAs speeds up computing while maintaining high-energy efficiency. It typically costs upwards of $2,000 per month to rent such equipment.

"At 1TB and 256GB memory respectively, and up to 160 threads each, these systems are optimized for in-memory computing frameworks such as Apache Spark and (NoSQL) databases," said H. Peter Hofstee, a distinguished research staff member at the IBM Austin Research Laboratory. "Each system is also equipped with a shared-memory (CAPI) FPGA, providing new opportunities to integrate new big data frameworks with FPGA-based logic for acceleration or teach advanced classes on FPGA programming."

Faculty and students can take advantage of the new equipment in the Deep Learning Lab, which is located in the Electrical Engineering Building, room 223.

"We are excited about receiving the equipment because it will continue to allow PVAMU to engage in cutting-edge innovation and research," said Roy G. Perry College of Engineering Dean Pamela Obiomon. "We are looking forward to integrating IBM’s servers and FPGAs into our existing NVIDIA platform and continuing to be leaders in this area."

Pictured from left: Dr. Lijun Qian, director of the CREDIT Center; Dr. H. Peter Hofstee, distinguished research staff member at the IBM Austin Research Laboratory; Dr. Kelvin Kirby, professor and interim department head of ECE; Art Valentine, Director of Strategy & Portfolio Mgt. in IBM Cognitive Systems.
DeMarr Holmes (’16)

“From the classroom to Main Street,” Cleveland, Ohio native and Prairie View A&M University alumnus DeMarr Holmes owns Screwston Sole. He says it’s the first smart sneaker store in America.

“The smart sneaker concept is perfect for consignment sneaker stores,” said Holmes. “Usually, when you shop at places like these, you constantly have to check to see if they have your size. At our store, we have three large kiosks where you can find not only your size, but also items like brand, color, or even what type of sneaker you’re looking for. If we don’t have it, we contact customers via email when we have the sneaker or something similar in stock.”

Holmes originally got the concept for a sneaker and clothing store back in 2015. He was majoring in mathematics at the time but decided to switch to business management within PVAMU’s College of Business so he could focus on the business side of retail.

“I wanted to open a sneaker store because I was always passionate about fashion,” said Holmes. “When I became a sneakerhead, I realized that buying, selling, and trading shoes would be very lucrative. It only made sense to open a store and sell clothing brands and highly sought-after sneakers.”

Holmes opened Screwston Sole December 1, 2018. Currently, he has four employees but is looking to start an internship program soon.

“We really hope the internship will inspire students to open companies of their own,” said Holmes. “My advice for anyone wanting to be an entrepreneur is to never ever let anyone tell you your dream is stupid or dumb. You will always be looked at like you’re different because you’re not going with the norm of working for someone to get comfort and security financially. It’s going be extremely hard, and at times you will want to give up, but never ever give up.”

Holmes said the most rewarding experience so far has been opening the doors of Screwston Sole for the first time.

“Seeing the first customer walk into the store and buy something, it gave me a sense of pride and respect for myself. My ultimate goal is to make Screwston Sole the number one sneaker store in Houston,” said Holmes.

Screwston Sole is located at 1105 Main Street in Houston, Texas. Visit screwstonsole.com for more information.
PVAMU in the News

PVAMU ranked best in Texas for earning a graduate degree in nursing online

Accreditation Renewed for Department of Music and Theatre

The accreditation of Prairie View A&M University’s Department of Music and Theatre was renewed by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the primary U.S. accreditor for higher education in music. In its accreditation report, NASM commended PVAMU’s music program for its thoroughness of self-study and responses. The next full review of the program will take place during the 2026-2027 academic year.
in case you missed it...

Fabrication Design Center
Grand Opening
February 19, 2019

President Ruth J. Simmons, along with School of Architecture Dean Ikhlas Sabouni, hosted students, faculty, staff, and friends for the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Fabrication Design Center. The new center features a variety of equipment that allows students to build, develop and test their design ideas using the most advanced technology on the market.
Prairie View A&M University welcomed alumnus and historian Dr. W. Gabriel Selassie I ’88 to campus for the third Symposium: Scholars’ Voices Series, African American Culture and History. You can watch his full lecture on PVAMU’s Facebook page.
in case you missed it...

PV Day at the Capitol
February 25, 2019

Panthers took a trip to the State Capitol Building in Austin, Texas for the 2019 African American Legislative Summit. They joined in on the discussion on the state of Texas HBCUs.
PVAMU Holds Annual Essay and Oratory Contest
February 27, 2019

Prairie View A&M University held an Oratory Showcase, the final contest of its 5th Annual Essay and Oratory Contest. Five students received top honors:

**FIRST:** Joshua Lewis, Sophomore, Biology

**SECOND:** Angel Randall, Junior, Mechanical Engineering

**THIRD:** Joshua Livingston, Senior, Chemical Engineering

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Terrie Fields, Sophomore, Communication

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Kasandra Love, Sophomore, Psychology

“The judges had a difficult time deciding because all of the contestants performed so well,” said PVAMU Professor Dr. Nathan Mitchell who served as an auditor during the contest.

Dozens of students produced essays with a required range of 1,700 to 2,500 words using the theme Growing Global Citizens at HBCUs. A group of judges narrowed it down to a top five, and those students delivered a seven- to nine-minute oration in the final phase of the contest.

“Before what is being touted as the largest audience ever for the Oratory Showcase, the finalists challenged HBCUs to initiate a wide range of globalization strategies including redesigning core courses to include global perspectives, breaking the bonds of traditional college matriculation, employing social media to connect with students worldwide, initiating international internships in every degree major, expanding language study opportunities, and becoming more creative in assisting students with paying for study abroad,” said Provost Emerita and Program Director Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith. “The theme was not one of those topics about which one could simply record personal experience or rely on hearsay. It required research, critical thinking, creativity, reflection, and serious academic writing. All of the students, regardless of final ranking, deserved applause.”
in case you missed it...

Middle School Day
March 20, 2019

About 1,700 students from 14 school districts across Texas attended Middle School Day. Organizers led groups to each of PVAMU’s eight colleges and schools where students got to learn more about different major options.
in case you missed it...

Founders’ Day and Honors Recognition Convocation
March 27, 2019

Four thousand, eight hundred and seventy-three students were recognized for achieving Dean’s Honors and Honor Roll status during the spring and fall semesters of 2018. The College of Agriculture and Human Sciences hosted this year’s ceremony with PVAMU Alumnus Ronald L. Walker, II serving as the keynote speaker.
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Commencement Convocation
MAY 11, 2019
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