ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD YEAR

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Prairie View, Texas

Commencement Convocation

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH SPRING COMMENCEMENT

WILLIAM “BILLY” J. NICKS, SR. BUILDING

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY SIXTEENTH

TWO THOUSAND NINE

NINE O’CLOCK
TO OUR GUESTS

Commencement is a significant and solemn event, recognizing years of study and sacrifice. To make this ceremony more meaningful, we ask all guests and participants to avoid unnecessary conversation and movement during the exercises. We also ask that cellular phones be turned off during the ceremony.

Please withhold your applause during the presentation of degrees until each degree group is acknowledged and the candidates have returned to their seats.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater, there is a Recessional for the platform party and all degree recipients. We ask the audience to remain seated during this period.

For your assistance, an Emergency Medical Services station is available in the William “Billy” J. Nicks, Sr. Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.
THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Presiding: DR. GEORGE C. WRIGHT
President, Prairie View A&M University

ORGAN PRELUDE .................................................................................................. DR. JOHN L. CORNELIUS
Assistant Professor, Music

THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION
COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCESSION .................................................. DR. E. JOAHANNE THOMAS-SMITH
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

ACADEMIC PROCESSION: “War March of the Priests” (Athalia) ....................... Felix Mendelssohn
DR. JOHN L. CORNELIUS, Organist
DR. MARION HENRY, Marshal

Marshal
Faculty
Candidates for Degrees in the Graduate School
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences
Candidates for Degrees in the School of Architecture
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Nursing
President’s Party

INVOCATION ........................................................................................................... REVEREND CHARLES H. LEWTER, IV
Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel

NATIONAL ANTHEM ........................................................................................................ Frances Scott Key

OPENING REMARKS .................................................................................. PRESIDENT GEORGE C. WRIGHT

GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM .................................. MR. GUY DIEDRICH
Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations and Commercialization
The Texas A&M University System

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS
AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ............................ MR. BILL JONES
Chairman, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System
INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR........................................................ Mr. Bill Jones

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ....................................................................................... The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor, State of Texas

MUSIC: “Witness” ............................................................................................................ arr. Jack Halloran

The University Concert Chorale
Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Director

PRESENTATION OF THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL ..................... Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL .............. Dr. William H. Parker

PRESENTATION OF THE DEANS OF THE
UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS ................................. Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM:

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES ............ Dean Freddie Richards, Ph.D.

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE ................................................... Dean Ikhlas Sabouni, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY ............. Dean H. Elaine Rodney, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING ............................................................. Dean Betty N. Adams, Ph.D.

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES............................................................. President George C. Wright

ALMA MATER: “Dear Prairie View” ................................................................................ Sibelius-Fuller

RECESSIONAL: “Pomp and Circumstance” ................................................................. Sir Edward Elgar
(Audience Seated)
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KENDALL T. HARRIS ........................................................................................ Dean, Roy G. Perry College of Engineering
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LUCIAN VATES, III ............................................................................................ Dean, Whitlowe R. Green College of Education
FREDDIE RICHARDS ........................................................................................ Dean, College of Agriculture and Human Sciences
MUNIR QUDDUS ............................................................................................... Dean, College of Business
H. ELAINE RODNEY ........................................................................................ Dean, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology
IKHLAS SABOUNI ............................................................................................. Dean, School of Architecture
WILLIAM H. PARKER ....................................................................................... Dean, Graduate School
CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
GRADUATE SCHOOL

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

**Human Sciences**

ARDS, TORI ANTOINETTE  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006  
Houston

BELL, DIONNE V ANTRICE  
BA, Knoxville College, 1997  
Hempstead

GLOVER, LAZENA LASHAN  
BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 2006  
Brenham

HARRIES, DANIELLE  
BSHS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005  
Houston

JOHNSON, LAGRATYRIA SAMON  
BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004  
Fresno

PINSON, TANISHA ROCHELLE  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005  
Houston

SAMUEL, EBONI S.  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006  
Houston

WILKERS, ASHLEY GENAE  
BSHS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006  
Houston

WRIGHT, ARIELL D.  
BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2006  
Houston


SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Architecture

AHMAD, RAHEEL  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007  
Tomball

AYBEK, HULYA  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2008  
Hockley

BROWNE, ERROL ANTHONY  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2008  
Houston

COULTER, IVAN SCOTT  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003  
Tomball

FLAGGS, DARYL WAYNE  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2008  
Houston

FRANKLIN, CONSTANCE D.  
BBA, Texas Southern University, 2002  
Houston

HERRON, BRANDON  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2008  
Dallas

LANGLER, JARETT ANDREW  
BS, Fairmont State University, 2005  
Humble

MC DANIEL, CHRISTOPHER LYLES  
BS, Texas Southern University, 2006  
Houston

MUHAMMAD, OMAR A.  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2008  
Hempstead

SCURRY, MICHELE CHRISTINE  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007  
Houston


Candidates for the Degree of Master of Community Development

GRANGER, SHAWN D.  
BS, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, 2003  
Cypress

HERNDON, ERICA R.  
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2007  
Hempstead

MCMILLIAN, ANTONIO DESHUN  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007  
Houston

MCNAIR, CLINTON ROY  
BA, Lamar University, 2007  
Houston

MC PETERS, MICHAUD DION  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007  
Houston

MODKINS, BRANDON TRIMONE  
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006  
Dallas

MORRISON III, JAMES E.  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006  
Prairie View

ROBINSON, SAMUEL R.  
BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2007  
Houston

STEWARD, COURTNEY RA SHUN  
BSAG, Prairie View A&M University, 2006  
Texarkana

MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts

**Sociology**

DANMOLA, TAYSHAUREI A.  
BS, Sam Houston State University, 2007  
Houston


Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

**Biology**

FLETCHER, CHRISTINE L.  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006  
Houston

HINES II, RANDY TODD  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007  
Houston

REEVEL, ANGELA MICHELE  
BS, Tuskegee University, 2006  
Houston

STONE, JULIA MONIQUE  
BS, Xavier University Louisiana, 2004  
Houston

1As final action cannot always be taken by the time the program is printed, the list of candidates given here is tentative only. The University reserves the right to withdraw or add names.
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

Chemistry

CARRANZA-GONZALEZ, YANETH E., Houston
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2005

HARRISON-AKITA, KATRINA S., Cypress
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

Environmental Toxicology

RUIZ, MAURICIO, Prairie View
Doctor of Medicine, Quindio University, 2003

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

Accounting

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Business Administration

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

Accounting

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Educational Leadership

WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
BUTCHER, JENNIFER TREMAINE  
Humble
BA, Sam Houston State University, 1985
MED, Prairie View A&M University, 2003
Dissertation: An Examination of Factors Related to the Job Satisfaction and Retention of Alternatively Certified Teachers
Advisor: Dr. William A. Kritsonis

CLOUD, MICHELLE ANNETTE  
Spring
BS, University of Houston, 1997
MED, Prairie View A&M University, 2006
Dissertation: Factors Impacting Student Success in Grades 6-8 during School of Choice Transition at Two Middle Schools
Advisor: Dr. William A. Kritsonis

ELLISON, EUNETRA S.  
Cypress
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002
MED, Prairie View A&M University, 2004
Dissertation: A Mixed-Method Analysis of the Effectiveness of Tutoring Programs in Public Schools
Advisor: Dr. William A. Kritsonis

GASSAMA, SORIE  
Richmond
BA, Pyatigorsk State Pedagogical Institute, 1987
MED, Texas Southern University, 2002
Dissertation: Transnational Lives of Immigrants and Refugees from Sierra Leone in Metropolitan Houston: The Contributions They Make to Education
Advisor: Dr. Douglas S. Hermond

GILLIAM, JANETTA CAROLYN  
Houston
BS, Southern University and A&M College, 1966
MED, Prairie View A&M University, 2003
Dissertation: The Effects of Student Engagement and Other Factors on the Retention of African American Freshmen Students Attending a Public Historically Black College and University in Texas
Advisor: Dr. William A. Kritsonis

JACOBS, KAREN DUPRE  
Katy
BS, Louisiana State University, 1997
MED, Prairie View A&M University, 2004
Dissertation: The Role of Principal Leadership in Increasing Science Teacher Retention in Urban Schools
Advisor: Dr. Douglas S. Hermond

PATTON, MARGARET CURETTE  
Richmond
BS, University of Louisiana Lafayette, 1991
MED, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1999
Dissertation: Factors Influencing Greatness in Economically-Challenged Minority Schools
Advisor: Dr. Douglas S. Hermond

TOWNSELL, RHODENA  
Centerville
BA, Sam Houston State University, 1980
MED, Sam Houston State University, 1990
Dissertation: Rural African American Administrator Career Trajectories
Advisor: Dr. William A. Kritsonis

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts

Counseling

ADAMS, TOMISHIA L.  
Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005

ADLER, ROSE ANN  
Brenham
BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 1991

ANDERSON, FELICIA RENEE  
Humble
BS, Texas Southern University, 1996

ASHLEY, LAVERN D.  
Richmond
BS, Jackson State University, 1998

BAILEY, KYWANNA RESHAW  
Lancaster
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004

BEARD, ADRIAN DAMOND  
Houston
BS, Texas Tech University, 1995

BELLINGER, MARLA T.  
Burleson
BA, Grambling State University, 2004

BENJAMIN, TAWANA N.  
Missouri City
BS, University of Houston-Downtown, 2003

BROWN, BRITNY L.  
Houston
BS, Sam Houston State University, 2006

CALLOWAY, ELIJAH  
Dallas
BS, Bishop College, 1984
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Education

Curriculum and Instruction

DEVEAUX, ROBERT LEE  Hockley  BSCT, Prairie View A&M University, 2003
DUNHAM, KAREN R.  Houston  BBA, Texas Southern University, 1995
DURHAM, RHONDA G.  Houston  BS, Southern University and A&M College, 2001
HEARNS, RHONDA G.  Houston  BS, Jacksonville State University, 2003
JOHNSON, ASHONDRA D.  Hockley  BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2000
JONES, LAKIA MARIE  Hockley  BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2005
KELLY-BROWN, CORDELLA A.  Hockley  BSAG, Prairie View A&M University, 2004

Educational Administration

ABOUZAR, CATHERINE ANN  Balch Springs  BS, Lipscomb University, 1978
ALAAJIY, ANGELA R.  Burleson  BS, Texas Woman's University, 1994
ALLEN, ASHLEY N.  Cypress  BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2005
BANKS, GLORIA ANN  Houston  BM, Southernmost Oklahoma State University, 1989
BARREE, LASHANDA MONIQUE  Desoto  BA, Knox College, 1996
BATTISTE-PERKINS, CHERYL A.  Rowlett  BA, Grambling State University, 1987
BEAUBRUN, JEAN R.  Houston  BA, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2004
BILLS, PHYLLIS J.  Mesquite  BBA, Texas A&M University Commerce, 1988
BLACK JR, FREDERICK JAMES  Missouri City  BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2000
BORENS, JASON J.  Dallas  BS, Texas College, 2001
BRANCH, MEEWAN S.  Mesquite  BS, University of North Texas, 2004
BROUSSARD, TAVANAKA DENISE  Beaumont  BA, Lamar University, 2000
BROWN, ASHTON L.  Houston  BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007
BYRD, TAMMY LATRICE  Missouri City  BS, Texas Southern University, 1998
CADDLEWELL, CALESHEA RENE'  Missouri City  BS, Texas Southern University, 1998
CAIRED, KEITH Dwayne  Dallas  BA, Dillard University, 2005
CHARLES, ADLAI JOHNATHAN  Mansfield  BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2002
CHRISTIAN, LASHANDA MONIQUE  Batson  BS, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1996
CHILDRESS, SABRYNA WEAVER  Richmond  BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1987
COOPER, BRYAN D.  Conroe  BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1987
CROSS, CAROLYN MONIQUE  Katy  BS, University Texas at Arlington, 2000
DAVIS, SHANTA L.  Houston  BS, Lamar University, 2006
DAVIS, TAMMY TANISE  Lancaster  BS, Texas Southern University, 1999
DEVER, EUREKA S.  Cedar Hill  BAW, Florida A&M University, 2000

Other

MILES, LATANYA K.  Houston  BA, Spelman College, 1993
PRIOLEAU, SHARONDA M.  Houston  BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003
RANDALL, KATHY  Hemstead  BSN, University of Texas Health Science Center, 1979
SHANKS, GLENDRIA MARIE  Missouri City  BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002
SIMPSON, NICOLE LATRICE  Houston  BA, Sam Houston State University, 2007
WILLIAMS, CHRISTEL TRINNETTE  Richmond  BA, Texas Southern University, 2007

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JONES, BARBARA A.  Missouri City  
BA, University of the Pacific, 1989

JONES, RENEE DENISE  Katy  
BS, Oklahoma State University, 1999

JOSEPH, TWYLA ANN  Katy  
BS, Southern University and A&M College, 2000

JUDGE, DENA VASHA  Hempstead  
BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003

KINNEY, III, ROBERT L.  Cypress  
BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2002

KIRVEN, CLARENCE E.  Coolidge  
BA, Louisiana Tech University, 1994

LACY, KAREN E.  Desoto  
BS, Texas Woman's University, 1992

LADSON-WISE, TINESHA M.  Dallas  
BA, Paul Quinn College, 2000

LEOPOLD, SCOTT R.  Alleyton  
BBA, Texas A&M University, 1992

LEWIS, KU-MASI R.  Fort Worth  
BA, Texas Wesleyan University, 1999

LUKE, KIZZY M.  Houston  
BS, University of Houston - Downtown, 2000

MALONE, JERMON C.  Houston  
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2003

MCGOWAN, DARISHIA MONTRE'  Seagoville  
BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 1999

MIMS, TRENISE MICHELLE  Houston  
BA, Southern University at New Orleans, 2005

 MOORE, SHALANDA LATRIECE  Fresno  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003

MOYANO, KENIA  Houston  
BA, Lamar University, 2004

NATHAN, FRANCIS ANTHONY  Houston  
BS, Texas Woman's University, 1989

NICHOLS, JOY LAVERNE  Cedar Hill  
BA, College of Biblical Studies, 2003

PORTER, TEQUITA MONAYR  Arlington  
BA, Alcorn State University, 2000

POULLARD, KIMBERLY WILLIAMS  Forney, LA  
BS, Grambling State University, 1998

POWELL, JAROLD RENARD  Fresno  
BS, Southern University and A&M College, 1993

ROSS, TANI  Magnolia  
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1994

RUFF, LA'LETTA DEMETRISE  Mesquite  
BS, Texas A&M University - Commerce, 1988

SALEH, NIMA  Houston  
BS, Texas Southern University, 2007

SANDERS, SHeneva S.  Stafford  
BS, Grambling State University, 1998

SIMS, RICKEY  Dallas  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1978

SLACK, GABRIEL ORLANDO  Prairie View  
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2007

SLOAN, LATOYA  Ennis  
BS, Wiley College, 1998

SMITH, RAHSAN  Katy  
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2001

SMITH, SHAUNTA DENISE  Katy  
BA, University of Houston, 2002

SMITH, WILLIE CHARLES  Houston  
BM, Eastern Illinois University, 1999

SPENCER, SARAH  Houston  
BA, University of Louisiana at Monroe, 1994

STANBERRY, TRINA RENE  Houston  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997

STUBBLEFIELD, MABISHA RENE  Hempstead  
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

SYKES, LASHAN D.  Humble  
BS, University Houston - Downtown, 1997

TEAGUE, MATTHEW N.  Houston  
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2003

THIBEDEAUX, D'JUANA L.  Houston  
BS, Lamar University, 2003

TUCKER, IDA  Dallas  
BA, Northwestern State University, 1997

WARD, PATRICIA A.  Dallas  
BS, Texas A&M University - Commerce, 1980

WATSON, KATRINA ROCHELLE  Dallas  
BS, Texas Woman's University, 1993

WILLIAMS, CAROLYN RUTH  Houston  
BS, University of North Texas, 1976

WILLIAMS, ONITA RAELYNN  Hempstead  
BS, Texas A&M University, 2003

WILLIAMS, SHANE D.  Lancaster  
BS, Texas A&M University - Commerce, 1990

WILSON, LLOYD PETE  Houston  
BS, Texas Southern University, 1988

WILSON, PERCY DWAYNE  Houston  
BS, Southern University and A&M College, 1997

WINSFIELD, KEVIN S.  Tomball  
BS, Texas A&M University, 1995

WOOLDRIDGE, TORON JAMAIN  Fresno  
BS, Texas A&M University, 2003

YOUNGER, RASHIDI J.  Richmond  
BA, Grambling State University, 1978

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**Health and Physical Education - Physical Education**

**HINES, MICHAEL A.**  Prairie View  
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2000

**MAYES-CARROLL, PAULA J.**  Hempstead  
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

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**Special Education**

**BREWSTER, MICHAEL**  Houston  
BA, University of Hawaii at Hilo, 2004

**CHAWLA, INDERJIT**  Houston  
BA, University of Delhi, 1994

**IDLEBIRD, DEVINCENT GLENN**  Houston  
BA, Texas Southern University, 2000

**KIMBLE, ERIKA DANIELLE**  Houston  
BA, University of St. Thomas, 2000

**NEAL, DENISE CALDWELL**  Houston  
BS, Fisk University, 1992

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**BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2007**  Prairie View

**BS, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2001**  Houston

**BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007**  Prairie View

**BS, Troy University, 2006**  Houston

**BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006**  Richmond
ROY G. PERRY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Electrical Engineering

BINZAID, SHUZA
San Antonio
BSEE, Prairie View A&M University, 1994
MSEG, Prairie View A&M University, 1997
Dissertation: Active Region Cutout MOSFET for Reduced Total Ionizing Dose Radiation
Advisor: Dr. Teneinger D. Abrom-Johnson

ODEJIIDE, OLUSEGUN OLUFEMI
Houston
BS, University of Ibadan, 1997
MS, Tennessee State University, 2004
Dissertation: Optimization Methods in Compressive Sampling Based Applications
Advisor: Dr. Cajetan M. Akujuobi

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

Computer Information Systems

CORTES, CARLOS M.
Spring
BS, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 1991
GRASS, MONICA NASHAYE
Houston
BSCT, Prairie View A&M University, 2005

Computer Science

JONES, KATRIEVA S.
Houston
BS, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 2000

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

HILL, MIDGE
Houston
BSEE, Prairie View A&M University, 2005
RAJ, SWAPNA
Houston
BS, National Institute of Technology, 2007

XIA, CHAO
Prairie View
BS, Xi'an University of Technology, 2001
ZHANG, JIAN
Houston
BS, Beijing University of Aeronautics, 2002

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Engineering

BURGANS, LATASHIA RENEE
Houston
BSET, Prairie View A&M University, 2005
TEMNATI, MOHAMED
Pasadena
BS, University Houston - Downtown, 2005

TRAISAWATWONG, PASAKORN
Houston
BE, Kasetsrat University, 1998
ZEMMOURI, MOHAMED
Richmond
BS, University Houston - Downtown, 2004

THE COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Juvenile Justice

EMEKA, FRANKLIN C.
Tomball
BS, University of Houston - Downtown, 1992
MS, University of Houston - Clear Lake, 1996
Dissertation: Juvenile Delinquency: Social Risk Factors of Gang Membership
Advisor: Dr. Gbolahan S. Osho

FORD, FREDERICK GENE
Hockley
BA, Wayland Baptist University, 1982
MED, Prairie View A&M University, 1995
Dissertation: Cultural Deviance at a Land-Grant University: A Case Study
Advisor: Dr. Camille A. Gibson

GARNER, DARRON DEWAYNE
Houston
BS, Northwestern State University, 1998
MS, Louisiana State University, 2000
Dissertation: Race and Risk for Delinquency
Advisor: Dr. Jonathan R. Sorensen
# Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Nurse Practitioner

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<td>Houston</td>
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<td>Tougaloo, MS</td>
<td>Texas Southern University, 1986</td>
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# Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Juvenile Forensic Psychology

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<td>Katy</td>
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<td>Houston</td>
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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

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BLAND, SANDRA ANNETTE  Houston
BRISCOE, FELICIA ANN  Houston
BRYANT, JOSHLYN ROCHELLE  Houston
CHAVEZ, SYLVIA ESTHER  Houston
FINNIE, ROBERT M.  Navasota
JONES, III, JOHNNIE LEWIS  Hope, AR
PRICE, NE’ANDREIA D.  Prairie View
SMITH, SHELDON E.  Hempstead
THOMAS, AUDRENE M.  Prairie View
WARD, ASHLEY L.  Missouri City
WILLIS, KARA KAMILLE  Houston

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Dietetics

Human Nutrition and Food Curriculum

BOYER, MARCHANDRA RENA  San Augustine
HAMILTON, BELAN K.  Houston
HANDY, JAMES R.  Waller
HYATT, KEIDRA FEONIA  Jamaica, West Indies
JACKSON, BRITNEY ASHLEY  Prairie View
WHITE, KETERA CHARMAINE  Katy

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Family and Community Services Curriculum

RIDLEY, NICOLE DENISE  HOUSTON

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Architecture Curriculum

AGYEKUM, PHILLIP  Grand Prairie
GREGORY, RODNEY DEWAYNE  Killeen
HALL, CHRISTOPHER MARQUI  Houston
HERNANDEZ, DEBORAH  Richmond
HERNDON, NICHOLAS LEMEL  Dallas
HOSKINS, CAMERON NOEL  Raymore, MO
P. NGUYEN, LONG  Houston
PRATT, ERICA O.  Wylie
ROBINSON, BRUCE MATHIS  Prairie View
STRINGFELLOW, KWAME D.  Houston

Construction Science Curriculum

BATY, MICHAEL D.  Houston
HARRIS, CALVIN D.  Tamarac, FL
HEBERT, DANIEL  La Porte
HERNANDEZ, DEBORAH  Richmond
HUGHES, ABBRON JAMES  Houston
JONES, ZACHARY SCOTT  Liberty
STRINGFELLOW, KWAME D.  Houston

COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Psychology

ADAMS, PASLEY G.  Dallas
BARNES, KRISTINA NICOLE  Missouri City
BROWN, MELANIE CELESTE  Los Angeles, CA
BROWN, SHONDALIN S.  Houston
CAMPBELL, PARIDES S.  San Antonio
FITZHUGH, TAMARA NICHOLAS  Brenham
GAMBLE-WEBSTER, JANET MONE’  Hempstead
HALEY, MICHELE DANIELLE  Carrollton
JACKSON, SHETOCQUIA D.  Houston
JOHNSON, JAMES W.  Missouri City
MILLING, FREDERICK M.  Pflugerville
NELSON, LAQUISHA S.  Houston
OFILI, FRANCIS  Houston
OGBURN, TIFFANY M.  Houston
PATES, JESSICA M.  Dallas
POINDEXTER, SHERECCA YVONNE  Houston
RENFRO, JOURDAN T.  Beaumont
RONDRE, SUZETTE M.  Austin
TADESSE, TEGEST ABEBE  Houston
TANNER, ALEXIS MARJORIE  Hemstead
TAYLOR, ALEXIS N.  Houston
THOMPSON, ASHLEY ALEXIS  Houston
WILLIAMS, ASHLEY M.  Waller
WILLIAMS, DOMINICK LEONARDIS  Houston
WOODYARD, KAMAL OBA  San Antonio

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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice

ANDERSON, ERICA G.  Round Rock
ATKINS, JON M.  Richmond
BEY, AQELAH IMAN  Houston
BOONE, HENDERSON O.  Waller
BUMPERS, DEMARCUS LEANDRE  Galena Park
CARTER, MARCUS L.  Prairie View
COBB, JOHNNY  North Charleston, SC
CONTRERAS, ELGUIN ISABEL  Fort Worth
FIGGINS, ASHLEY N.  Temple
FREEMAN, GABRIELLE N.  Tomball
FUDGE, SHANIQUA YVONNE  Denton
IVEY, CAROL  Hockley
JOHNSON, ERIC B.  Houston
KINDER, HEATH LANDON  Spring

Criminal Justice - Juvenile Justice Curriculum

ADEBUSOLA, KINGSLEY A.  Prairie View
ALLEN, TIFFANY GALE  Fort Worth
CHISLEY, SHAUNA ANTOINETTE  Houston
KELLUM, CARMISHA SHELLEY  Houston

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

College of Nursing

ADAMS, JESSICA TRANIECE  Pearland
ADAMS, ROCHELLE MONIQUE  Baytown
AHAMED, MOKDUM WASEEM  Stafford
AKINBINU, MLILIKO MOJISOOLA  Stafford
ALFORD-RUNNELS, LEI KANTRECE  Houston
CRANIE, TANIQUA KACHE  Del Valle
DAWVA, AFSHAN K.  Houston
DEL CRUZ, ETHELLYN REYES  Houston
DIEGO, MARIA VICTORIA  Houston
EDWARDS, GALE GILL  Houston
FELDER, KRISTEN RENAE  Houston
GREEN, BRITTANY JOY  Texas City
GUERRERO, GRACIELA  Houston
HANDY, WHITNEY D’ETTE  Lake Charles, LA
HARRIS, VICTORIA SUZONNE  Houston
HAYDEN, CHANTAL CLARICIA  Houston
HEBERT, DORIAN LEE  Pearland
HECHANova, MELODY FAITH  Houston
HENDERSON, ASHLEY NICOLE  Houston
HESS, MATTHEW D.  Houston
HINES, SANDRA L.  Houston
HODGE, SARA MICA’L  Houston
JEFFERSON, REGINA M.  Houston
JOHNSON, REENA VARUGHHESE  Sugar Land
JOHNSON, SHERRI NIKOLE  Humble
KAZEE, SIKIRU LOLA  Missouri City
KEITH, DAISY JAYNE  Bryan
KELLUM, CARMISHA SHAELON  Houston
KHAN, SHIFAT JEABEE  Houston
KUMAR, MANILA A.  Houston
LIMBRICK, SHERRI NICOLE  Houston
LORENZO, RALPH HUEY  Houston

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GRADUATING WITH ACADEMIC HONORS†

Honor recognition at graduation is based on consistent high scholarship and cumulative grade point averages earned. To be eligible for graduation with honors, a student must have received no failing grades (transfer or residence) and must complete the last 60 semester hours in residence at Prairie View A&M University. A student may graduate with honors in one of the three categories:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90 - 4.0

ALLEN, JERRELL L.
HERNANDEZ, DEBORAH
PARKER, JASMINE D.
SVEC, ELIZABETH A.
VIGILANT, TAMARA C.
WATSON, JERECE A.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70 - 3.89

BRIERS, JAMES N.
BROWN, MARCIA A.
BRYANT, TIFFANY R.
COLBY, JOSHUA T.
FI GGINS, ASHLEE N.
HOLLIE, PEGGY L.
JOHNSON, NELLINE D.
LOTT, VALARIE M.
NELSON, ERICA R.
OGBURN, TIFFANY M.
RAGSTON, FRANCINE M.
RODRIGUEZ, BECKY
THOMAS, AUDRENE M.
WILLIS, KARA K.
WOODARD, EVELYN A.

CUM LAUDE
Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 - 3.69

AUGUSTINE, LAJERALD D.
BATT S, VORICE M.
BRACY, RANELLE M.
BRAY, BRITTANY T.
BROWN, KANDIS W.
BROWN, MELANIE C.
BROWN, TASSINE K.
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MAJORS, ANTOINETTE M.
MANUEL, VIKTORIA N.
NELSON, MATTHEW A.
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SMITH, SHEL DON E.
THORNTON, CYNTHIA M.
VILLASANA, MARTHA P.
WALKER, JABREEL E.
WHITE, CHEREE M.
WHITE, KETERA C.

COMMISSIONS IN THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES

JON ATKINS, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Surface Warfare, Richmond, TX
JESSICA ALVARO, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Surface Warfare, Houston, TX
ASHLEE FIGGINS, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Naval Aviation, Temple, TX
DAMION JONES, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Surface Warfare, Beaumont, TX
URAL THOMPSON, Ensign, United States Navy, Active Duty, Surface Warfare, Waxahachie, TX
HEATH KINDER, 2nd Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, Spring, TX

RETIRING FACULTY AND STAFF

DR. LEE E. HENDERSON, Associate Professor of Biology, Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences, 38 years of service

MS. DOLORES S. HUSFELD, Administrative Assistant, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, 11 years of service

✝The golden-colored cord represents undergraduate candidates graduation with academic honors.
THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

An appropriate costume is a necessary part of Commencement. The costume includes a cap, a gown, and a hood. Each part of the costume has special significance. The most common head-piece (or cap) for the ceremony is the black square, flat-topped, or “mortar board” type with gold or black tassel. It is called a “mortar board” because it is shaped like the board of the mason which holds mortar. Recently, we are seeing large velvet Tam-O-Shanter style of head pieces replacing the mortar board. Some of the velvet tams are brilliantly colored such as orange or bright blue.

The tassel on the doctor’s cap is usually gold, and permanently fastened on the left side. The master’s cap has a black tassel worn on the left. The bachelor’s cap has a black tassel worn on the right prior to graduation then moved to the left during the ceremony.

The hood can be the most colorful part of the entire costume. The colors inside the hood are those of the college or university which is awarding the degree. The colors of the outside rim of the hood symbolizes one of the following departments of learning:

- Agriculture .................................................Maize
- Architecture ..............................................Lavender
- Arts, Letters, Humanities..........................White
- Commerce, Accountancy, Business..........Drab
- Dentistry ....................................................Lilac
- Economics ..................................................Copper
- Education ..................................................Light Blue
- Engineering ................................................Orange
- Fine Arts .....................................................Brown
- Forestry .......................................................Russett
- Geography ..................................................Blue and Green
- Home Economics ........................................Golden Yellow
- Journalism ..................................................Crimson
- Industrial Education ..............................Light Blue
- Law .............................................................Purple
- Library Science ............................................Lemon
- Medicine .....................................................Green
- Music ...........................................................Pink
- Nursing .......................................................Apricot
- Oratory (Speech) ..........................................Silver Gray
- Pharmacy ....................................................Olive Green
- Philosophy ..................................................Dark Blue
- Physical Education .................................Sage Green
- Public Administration, including ..........Peacock Blue
- Foreign Service .........................................Salmon Pink
- Public Health ..............................................Salmon Pink
- Science ......................................................Golden Yellow
- Social Work ................................................Citron
- Technology ................................................Golden Yellow
- Theology .....................................................Scarlet
- Veterinary Science ....................................Gray

The gown is usually black. The traditional doctor’s gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the regular sleeves. The master’s gown has no velvet, but does have unusually long sleeves. The bachelor’s gown is similar to the master’s gown but has regular long sleeves which tend to be pointed.

Some gowns may be in the color of the department granting the degree, such as “Education Blue.” Others may be “Yale Blue” or “Harvard Crimson” for the graduates of these universities.

THE MACE

The mace is an ancient symbol of authority which is carried by the marshal ahead of the academic procession. The mace for Prairie View A&M University is four feet long and contains four bronze figures atop a Honduras mahogany base which tapers to fit into its stand(m). The four figures are symbolic of the four undergraduate academic years. Within the hollow area beneath the figures, and shared equally, is a flame which denotes knowledge and excellence. The base which serves as a grip and is carried by a faculty member, symbolizes the entire faculty; the stand which supports the mace characterizes the administration. The visual impact of the mace as a whole is “torch-like.” The eight tassels represent the academic organization of the University.

THE MEDALLION

The President’s Medallion, the official symbol of the Office of the President at Prairie View A&M University, was created especially to commemorate the lineage of the Presidency by the late Mr. Frank Hayden, nationally famous sculptor and Professor of Fine Arts at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The first medallion was presented to Dr. Percy A. Pierre, fourth president of Prairie View A&M University, on March 21, 1985.

The medallion is designed to be worn with academic regalia at all official University programs. Abstract figures, representing the academic disciplines in an attitude of celebration, encircle the outer rim. The inner circle symbolizes the pursuit of excellence throughout four years of teaching and learning. The weave of the chain is the facsimile of that used by the ancient Greeks.

A replica will be presented to each subsequent President during his inauguration. The medallion will ultimately reflect the history of the presidency, revealing names and dates of inauguration.
COMMENCEMENT ORATOR

THE HONORABLE RICK PERRY

Sworn in as the state’s 47th governor on December 21, 2000, Rick Perry was elected to a four-year term November 5, 2002 and re-elected November 7, 2006.

A fifth generation Texan, Governor Rick Perry has taken an extraordinary Texas journey, from a tenant farm in the rolling West Texas plains to the governor’s office of our nation’s second largest state.

Texas’ 47th governor, and the first Texas A&M graduate to occupy the Governor’s Mansion, Rick Perry has led a life of public service, starting in the United States Air Force and continuing over two decades in elected office.

Governor Perry’s administration has focused on creating a Texas of unlimited opportunity and prosperity by improving education, securing the border and increasing economic development through classical conservative values.

Rick Perry’s political career started in 1985 as a representative for a rural West Texas district in the state House of Representatives. He was first elected to statewide office in 1990, and served as Texas Commissioner of Agriculture for two terms. He was elected as lieutenant governor in 1999.

Governor Perry hails from Paint Creek, a small farming community north of Abilene. He is a 1972 graduate of Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, a junior and senior yell leader and an animal science major. Between 1972 and 1977, Governor Perry served in the United States Air Force flying C-130 tactical airlift aircraft in the U.S., Europe and the Middle East.

The younger of Ray and Amelia Perry’s two children, Governor Perry is an Eagle Scout and lifetime member of American Legion Post #75. He first met Anita Thigpen at a piano recital during their elementary school years. They married in 1982 and are the proud parents of two grown children - Griffin and Sydney.
2009 HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Community
LEE E. WINSLET, JR.

Mr. Lee E. Winslett, Jr. has consistently demonstrated a high measure of commitment and compassion for others. The 1959 graduate earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Prairie View A&M University before going on to secure a master's degree in business management from Central Michigan University. Throughout his distinguished career at IBM, he held management and administration roles in the U.S. and Tokyo, Japan. He has worked diligently to share knowledge gained during his thirty-year tenure in various corporate positions to help to preserve the history of African Americans, provide leadership in his community and to help promote public education.

Mr. Winslett's concern for others is displayed in his commitment to the preservation of African American history. As a board member he was the driving force behind the creation of a museum in Smithfield, Virginia which is a repository for the history of African American education in the area. In May of 2007, The Schoolhouse Museum was opened as Smithfield's project to commemorate Jamestown 2007, the 400th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in North America. As a result of the museum, current and future generations of Virginians are able to appreciate the lessons of the past while serving as custodians of the future. Additionally, his planning and leadership skills were critical to securing over $200,000 in donations from organizations, individuals and foundations.

Since its creation in 1989, PVAMU students have benefited from the Earnestine B. Winslett Endowed Scholarship Fund. The endowment has been instrumental in helping a number of students achieve their educational goals while supporting Winslett's efforts to promote education. During the 2008-2009 school year, seven students from a variety of majors have received funds to aid their education. Even more, Winslett is very active in the fundraising efforts of PVAMU Class of 1959. Their fifty-year, golden anniversary, will be celebrated in October 2009 by a Legacy Endowment Fund presentation to Prairie View A&M. From this fund, scholarships will be provided to support future PVAMU students. His leadership and dedication as chairperson has helped secure nearly $300,000 from members of the class.

Helpfulness to others extends to his participation in several civic activities and educational initiatives. He serves as a commissioner on the Isle Wight County planning commission, a member of the advisory committee of The Still Hope Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower single mothers and their families, a member of the strategic planning committee for Paul D. Camp Community College, and a former board member of the YMCA.

In 2005, he was awarded “The President's Volunteer Service Award” in recognition and appreciation of his commitment to strengthening the United States through volunteer and community service. This award recognized his dedication to those areas and signified that he served his community and his country with distinction while demonstrating values that help build a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility.

Winslett is a graduate of Leadership Isle of Wight, an institute sponsored by the chamber of commerce designed to cultivate emerging leaders. Furthermore, while accompanying his wife, a U.S. Navy Captain (retired), in Okinawa, Japan he built a unique bond with young servicemen and women that allowed him to teach financial management skills.

Lee is an avid golfer, a faithful church member and father of two adult children: Jacqueline Winslett of Dallas and Lee Winslett, III who lives in San Diego, California.
2009 HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Student

JOHIE L. JONES, III

A native of Hope, Arkansas, Johnie L. Jones, III, is the son of Bishop Johnie L. Jones, II and Minister Juanita Jones-Jackson. Throughout his tenure at Prairie View A&M University, he has served the PVAMU community in several roles, but his humanitarian service and leadership skills as president of the PVAMU Student Government Association (SGA) serve as the capstone vessel for his service to the University and its surrounding community.

Under his tenure as SGA president, Jones tirelessly helped increase voter awareness and voter participation among PVAMU students and the community through rallies, special events and marches. While serving as SGA president, he also worked as an advocate, gaining accessible fax machines and scanners for student use, petitioning the University’s physical plant to repair dim campus lighting and partnering with PVAMU’s campus police to increase campus patrol and safety.

His diligent leadership laid the foundation for the Prairie View A&M “Go Green” initiative, which will be implemented by the University. At the request of PVAMU President, Dr. George C. Wright, Jones spoke before the Texas State Legislator’s Subcommittee on Finance to inform state leaders about the importance of supporting PVAMU and its students. Additionally, his administration was able to facilitate online Student Government elections. As a result, there was an approximate 10 percent increase in student participation. Jones was appointed to The Texas A&M University System Chancellor’s Student Advisory Board which provides an avenue for student leaders to address student issues common to all campuses within the System. He also served as a member of the Chancellor’s Diversity Council.

This summer Jones will participate in a mission trip to Burundi, Africa with Community of Faith Church. This humanitarian trip will help the country decrease the mortality rate and increase the life expectancy of citizens.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and is a dedicated volunteer for the annual PVAMU Panthers-At-Work (PAW) Community-Wide Clean-Up. Throughout his studies at PVAMU, he has served as chaplain of the Prairie View A&M University Chapter of the NAACP and as president of the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization, which teaches students about financial literacy, business ethics and entrepreneurship. In between classes, Jones mentored Hempstead Elementary students and took time to greet distinguished University guests and visitors. In the Arkansas community, he volunteers his time with Providence Baptist Church in Hope, Arkansas to help provide food and clothing to the area’s needy families.

After completing his bachelor’s degree in agriculture economics, he plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master’s degree in public administration.
A Message from the Governor:

I am pleased and honored to extend greetings to everyone attending Prairie View A&M University’s Spring Commencement Convocation.

Today, as you celebrate your achievements and the honor you have earned as graduates of this fine university, Texas celebrates with you. You have demonstrated excellence and have accomplished much of which to be proud.

But remember that the diploma you receive today is not the goal you have worked diligently to attain. It is only a symbol of the education that has prepared you for a career, a productive life and an active membership in a society that needs your talents and energy.

You are the inheritors of not only the freedom and prosperity of this great state and nation, but also the responsibilities that accompany them. I urge you to rise to the challenge by building upon the foundation laid by the men and women who have come before you.

I am sure the milestone we celebrate today is only one of many achievements you will know. I encourage you to consider the support system that helped you reach this place – the families, friends, teachers, professors and communities of faith that have supported you – and to take the time to thank and honor them. The success you know today is the work of many, and those relationships will bolster and guide you as you continue on your way.

May you continue to excel, and may you fulfill your great potential. First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry
Governor
Dear Graduates:

I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to you on this memorable day. I know how long and hard you have worked and studied and now your dedication and perseverance has paid off, and you should be proud of your accomplishment.

Your education at Prairie View A&M University has taught you to be independent thinkers and strong leaders. Your school has provided you with skills on which you will rely throughout your future career and in life. Use them well.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for a bright future. I wish you all the best in pursuing a career in your chosen field. Well done!

Sincerely,

Michael D. McKinney, M.D.
Chancellor

MDM/sc
Greetings, Graduates:

First of all, I wish to congratulate all of our graduates for the outstanding achievement and status you have reached on this day. After today, your options will have been significantly enhanced, and the choices you make in your near futures will surely affect your lives for the rest of your lives.

Today, I along with a considerable number of graduates from the Class of 1959, have come on this, our 50th Anniversary Celebration, to share this occasion with you. Under the leadership of Mrs. Celestine Barnes, our Class of 1959 President, who happened to be our “Miss Prairie View” in 1959, we have followed your progress since your freshmen year. We have maintained a constant interaction with your class to this day.

We have set in motion the adoption of classes by anniversary celebration classes and we hope that this tradition will become the norm rather than the exception. One must also make note of the fact that the leadership of your class today will almost certainly be among the same fifty years from this day.

Graduation is one of the most reflective times in your lives. We not only remember the good times. We also remember the unpleasant experiences. Many of us struggle more than others to reach similar goals. Some of us develop negative attitudes relating to those struggles, where others seem to have an absolute blast during undergrad study.

The important issue here is the struggle, the pursuit to happiness. The pursuit is a worthy endeavor, and there are literally thousands of young Black Americans out there all across America, who will not get an opportunity, other than through our Historically Black Colleges and Universities. You have an urgent responsibility as alumni to help protect the umbrella overseeing our great institution.

Hold these truths close to your heart and never relent on your responsibility.

Clem Daniels
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DEAR PRAIRIE VIEW

Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise,
In gratitude we sing our Hymn of praise,
For memories dear, for friends and recollections,
For lessons learned while here we’ve lived with thee.
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion,
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

As days go by, our hearts will not grow cold,
We’ll love thy purple royal and thy gold,
We’ll through our lives exemplify thy teachings,
We’ll always strive a blessing to be.
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We’ll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. Anderson Fuller
Music from “Finlandia” by Sibelius