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## PVAMU NAA 2012 Moving Forward



Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends:

While visiting a potential hotel sites for the 2013 Convention in Atlanta, I was asked the question "How many of your 50,000+ alumni are active?" This came from someone who had worked as a student in alumni relations at a SEC Conference University. The question was followed up by the comment, "I know all schools struggle with getting alumni active." My response was, "At least 10% of our alumni are active".

Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association Annual dues are only \$60 which equates to \$5.00 per / month. I have a question for Prairie View alumni, "Why are

we not at 100% financial?" I know 100% is a prestigious goal. The mission of PVAMU NAA is to help perpetuate our University through providing scholarships for students. Your participation, would present a stronger united voice for our alma mater.

If you are already a financial member, I want to thank you for your support. Becoming a member is the first step in supporting our "Dear Prairie View". I would like to challenge all New 2011 Members to attend the 2012 Convention. During the Convention you will have the opportunity to learn more about the NAA; meet with university officials; and determine how you can become more involved. For those of you who will be attending for the first time, we are Prairie View Alumni, during the Convention we conduct business and we "Network with a Purpose." My platform 3 M's, Membership, Mentorship and Management has enhanced our organization through strategic planning. The 2011-2012 fiscal year focus has been Membership. Prairie View is a state

supported university and has been affected by the current economic climate of budget cuts. Our challenge, as alumni is to help subsidize the deficit. If you are not financial, now is the time to become an Annual Member. The NAA set an unprecedented Life Membership growth during the first four months of this fiscal year with over 300 new members. Let's exceed expectations, breaking the Fall 2011 record. "Can I count on you to commit to the PVAMU NAA in 2012?" Show your Panther Pride by joining today, visit our website at [www.pvualumni.org](http://www.pvualumni.org). I am looking forward to meeting all the new alumni members during Convention this summer in Fort Worth, Texas.

*Lynn Morris*  
President  
PVAMU NAA

## Notice: February 11 Board of Directors Meeting

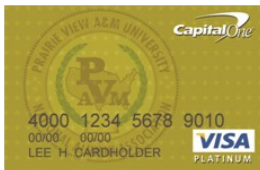
Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association first Board of Directors meeting of 2012 will take place Saturday, February 11, 2012, 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the George Higgs Alumni Building located at 148 University Drive, Prairie View Texas, 77446. Agenda

items include: President Second Quarter Report; Financial Report; Membership Updates; and 2012 Convention. Chapter Presidents please make place to attend and confirm attendance with the NAA Administrative Assistance at 936.857.5817. This meeting

will be a working meeting, several items on the agenda will require a vote for final approval. For the complete Board Meeting Agenda visit our website: [www.pvualumni.org/documents](http://www.pvualumni.org/documents).

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The PVAMU Official Texas Plates are available for Prairie View Alumni to purchase now. The proceeds from all sales benefit Prairie View students scholarship fund. To order go to: [www.myplates.com](http://www.myplates.com)

**PVAMU Hall of Fame 2012 Induction Class**

The PVAMU Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Prairie View in the Willie A. Tempton, Sr. Memorial Student Center Ballroom at 12:30pm. Congratulations for the Prairie View A&M University Hall of Fame 2012 Class: The Football honorees included: Mr. Sam E. Adams, Sr, 1966-1969; Mr. Sebastian Barrie, 1988; and Mr. Kenneth R.

Martindale, 1964-1969. Ms. Alicia L Pete participated in both Volleyball, 1987-1990 and Basketball 1986. The Track honorees are: Mr. Carlos Hayward (track and football) 1990-1994 & 1993-1994 and Mr. Kevin McKinley, 1984-1987. The tennis team honoree was Mr. Donald L. Bennett, 1962-1966. The Basketball honorees are Mr. Gregory Burks, 1998-2003 and Mr. Dennis Wayne, 1973-1978.

Mr. Ray Seals received the highest honor, William "Billy" Nicks Legend Award for his outstanding contributions as an athlete and High School Coach. Special recognition was given to deceased track members of the 2000 class: Jerome D. Jackson; Vernon M. James; Samuel J. Sturns; and DeWanyne Watson.

**PVAMU NAA & TSU NAA Membership Social**

The first Prairie View A&M University and Texas Southern National Alumni Associations Alumni Mixer was held at Foundation Room at the House of Blues, January 14, 2012, 6pm – 9pm followed by the Bun B Concert in Music Hall was an evening to remember. There were over two hundred atten-

dees. Event photos, taken



by Ms. Tiffany Freeman and Mr. Glen Johnson are

available on our website: [www.pvualumni.org](http://www.pvualumni.org). For information about Young Professional Foundation Room membership please contact Krystan Lachance at 832.667.7794 or email [krystanalachance@livenation.com](mailto:krystanalachance@livenation.com)

**Fort Worth Chapter Hosts Convention July 25-28, 2012**

Ft. Worth Convention Committee 2012

The PVAMU NAA Fort Worth Chapter will host the 38th National Alumni Association Convention, July 25-28, 2012. Mrs. Betty Senegal & Mr. Joe Page Convention Co-Chair have been working diligently. The activity schedule will

be presented for final approval during the February 2012 Board of Directors Meeting. The Convention will take place at the Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa is located downtown at 1701 Commerce, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Room Rates: \$109 per/night (rate does not include parking). Reserve your hotel accommodations early, rooms are limited use promotion code: **PVG118A** : <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?>

[id=1111152758&key=345DC](http://www.pvualumni.org) or call the hotel direct: 817.335.7000 ask for the **Prairie View National Alumni Association Convention** rate. Convention Registration is \$300, payment options include check, credit card and paypal. Payment installments will also be available. Registration includes: Opening Reception; Panther and President's Luncheons, Awards Dinner and Dance. For the most current information visit the website: [www.pvualumni.org](http://www.pvualumni.org).

## National Alumni Association Chapter News

### Congressman Cleavor Keynote Houston Chapter Luncheon

The Prairie View Houston Alumni Chapter hosted their 30th Annual Mardi Gras Scholarship Luncheon, Saturday February 4, 2012 at the Power Center Houston. Mr. Roy Smith was the Chairman of the event. There were over 280 guests were present. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II delivered a dynamic Keynote message of encouragement and unity. He provided insight on the significance of

our history and the importance of preserving our legacy of pursuing excellence. The Congressman encouraged the audience to maintain optimism in during these economically challenging times. The message concluded with a challenge to the audience, help "Turn It Around." The Houston Chapter awarded twelve scholarships 2011-2012 fiscal year. Kevin Carr, a former recipient donated

\$1000 to the scholarship fund during the event. Special thanks to Dr. Wright and Dr. Johanne Thomas-Smith for their attendance. Mardi Gras Scholarship Luncheon underwriters included: Congressman Al Green; Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee; State Representative Garnet Coleman; State Representative Sylvester Turner; State Representative Alma Allen, and Representative Armando L. Walle.

### NAA & University Presidents weekend in Atlanta



Atlanta Chapter Members with NAA & University President Morris and University President Dr. George C. Wright hosted NAA President Lynn January 27 -29, 2012.

The weekend included the 8th Annual HBCU Alumni Gala at the Fox Theatre; 10th Annual Honda Battle of the Bands; and concluded with Brunch, Sunday, January 29 in honor of our Presidents. For more information about the Atlanta Metro Chapter, visit their website, [www.pvamuatl.org](http://www.pvamuatl.org); [pvmuatl1@yahoo.com](mailto:pvmuatl1@yahoo.com)

### Los Angeles Chapter MLK Weekend of Service Activities



Mr. John Terry, (Treasurer); Ms. Renee Dorn, (Vice Pres); and Mr. Herbert Sims (President)

The Los Angeles Chapter of the Prairie View National Alumni Association celebrated MLK weekend by participating in the Black Expo College Fair and the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, Monday, January 16, 2012, hosted by the UNCF Los Angeles Inter-Alumni Council and is held at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles. The Inter-Alumni Council is composed of the local

alumni chapters for 50 Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the country. This year approximately 960 people attended the event in which the Prairie View Alumni had the largest attendance of any chapter with 65 alumni and friends present. The Keynote Speaker was Christopher Cathcart, Founder/Co-Editor of HBCU Experience.

Save The Date  
July 25-28, 2012  
38th National Convention  
Register on-line:  
[www.pvualumni.org](http://www.pvualumni.org)

**Fort Worth Chapter  
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**Sheraton Hotel & Spa**  
1701 Commerce St.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Room Rates:  
\$109 per/night  
\* Parking not included  
Room Reservations:  
817-335-7000  
Promo Code: **PVG18A**

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