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Prairie View A&M Awards \$50,000 In Teaching Excellence Awards

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PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas--Prairie View A&M University students once again had the opportunity to grade faculty members through the Texas A&M University System Teaching Excellence Awards, which recognizes faculty members based on student ranking surveys each semester.

The combined award total for PVAMU faculty members who will be awarded for their teaching efforts this spring is \$50,000. A ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 27 on the university's main campus.

Awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 will be awarded to 20 PVAMU faculty members from all of the university's academic programs. The monetary awards will be awarded to PVAMU faculty in the top five percent and top fifteen percent categories out of the faculty members that applied. Awards were based on rankings from evaluations created and administered by students, with weighting for factors such as class size.

The spring 2009 awards were derived from a voluntary student evaluation program that was initially launched last fall by The Texas A&M University System. PVAMU was among the first schools within the system to reward top-ranked faculty.

Winners in the top 5 percent category:

Clarissa Booker, Orion Ciftja, Alex Colvin, Immaculata Igbo, Lisa Thompson

Winners in next 15 percent category:

Fred Bragg, Donald Harby, Francis Handforth, Laurette Foster, Alphonso Keaton, Doris Morgan-Bloom, Williams Ross, Premkumar Saganti, Eloria Simon-Campbell, Safwat Shakir, Patricia Smith, Lewis Smith, Jennifer Trombley, Earnestyne Walter-Sullivan, Faye Walker

About Prairie View A&M University

Prairie View A&M University was founded in 1876 and is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in Texas. With an established reputation for producing engineers, business leaders, nurses and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees in 42 academic majors, 46 master's degrees and four doctoral degree programs through eight colleges and schools. The university recently named its College of Engineering for PVAMU alumnus Roy G. Perry and the University's marching band, The Marching Storm, was featured as the lead band in the 2009 Rose Parade. A member of The Texas A&M University System, the university is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service. During the university's 132-year history, more than 50,000 academic degrees have been awarded. For more information regarding PVAMU, visit www.pvamu.edu.

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