

LEOH Trip

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Prairie View A&M University



PVAMU is currently one of 101 HBCU's (*H*istorically *B*lack *C*olleges & *U*niversities) in the U.S. It was established in 1876, only a little over a decade after the 13th amendment was passed in 1865, abolishing slavery.

HBCU's were primarily intended to serve the African-American community, because predominantly white institutions disqualified African-Americans from enrollment.



Upon our arrival, we were met by our primary tour guide, architect Blaine Kemendo, Senior Project Manager for the university.



Mark Pearson, Director of Enrollment Services, presented an overview of the history of the university, and current statistics on the university's enrollment and rankings.

Enrollment last fall was 9,525; housing is provided for over 1,400 students; and the student to teacher ratio is 18:1.

DID YOU KNOW? PVAMU RANKS...

- #1** In HBCU schools with the highest average starting salaries for graduates
- #23** In the best HBCU's (out of 101) in 2018
- #2** For best value HBCU (out of 101) in 2017 (most affordable for students to obtain a quality education)
- #7** In producing undergraduate administration, nursing researchers, and clinical nurses
- #1** In producing African-American undergraduate architects

***These are only a few of the impressive rankings
PVAMU has achieved.***

***PVAMU offers degrees and majors
in the following categories:***

~Agriculture and Human Sciences

~Arts and Sciences

~Education

~Juvenile Justice and Psychology

~Architecture

~Business

~Engineering

~Nursing

Athletics Program – Go Panthers!

The Panthers and Lady Panthers participate in numerous SWAC sports, including softball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, football, track & field, and even bowling.

Cricket fields are in the process of being added to the campus.

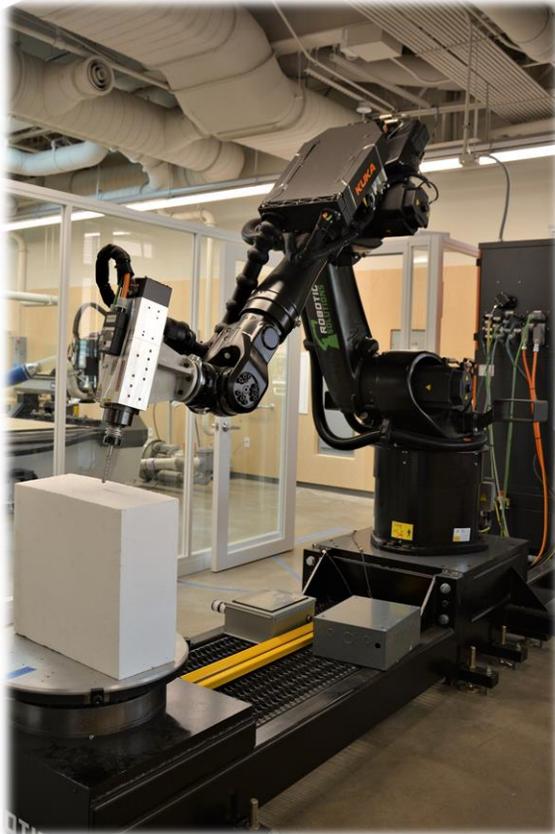
There is plenty of room to expand,
as the campus is well over 1,000 acres.

Blaine, along with Jonathan McKissack, University Recruiter, gave us a tour through the large Fabrication Building.

Five materials, each housed in separate work areas, are used in fabricating;
Wood, Metal, Paper, Plastic, and Digital



Below is a large robot (at least 7 ft tall) used in fabricating. The large “arm” swings around during the process, so the robot is inside a sort of “cage” to protect any human passing by from a mishap!



Blaine was excited to talk about the university’s 3-D printers. To the left are printer examples. Note the intricate designs.

And yes, the handle really turns!

Jonathan led us to our next stop,
the John B. Coleman library.



Kimberly Gay is the campus librarian and Head of Reference and Information Services. In the picture, Kimberly is standing next to a collection of books printed in the 1800's. Kimberly is not only an enthusiastic librarian, she is also a genealogist, and encouraged us to trace our genealogy.

Note the **1879** as well as current map of Waller County on the following pages, along with a page of the **1900** census and an example genealogy chart.





Dr. Louis Nuti, Director of Farm Operations, is seen here on our bus describing the functions of the agricultural farm



The highlight of our farm visit was the goats! This black & white baby goat was about 2 weeks old, still a little wobbly on its feet.

Older goats, including mother goats, can be seen in a pen. The Agricultural program has at times focused on the research and raising of cattle, swine, and poultry, prior to their current goat program.

A return to a poultry program is being considered.



On to our next stop!



Next up on our visit was the campus intramural gymnasium, nicknamed the Baby Dome. The round shape did indeed remind us of the Astrodome.



Below is the campus police station.
Alas, we ran out of time to pay it a visit.



We enjoyed lunch
at Hempstead Seafood & Steak



Our Precinct 3
bus driver,
Chihung Lam,
made sure our
trip was safe
and comfortable.



Quick stops at Buc-ee's
before and after our
campus visit was a fun
experience in itself!

