

# Rising Panthers

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## Devyn Allen



Photo by Rob Mata

keep up with Allen's web development can follow @Bizonthell on Twitter for upcoming information.

Regarding his plans after graduation, he does not have any currently as he is choosing to live his life day by day. However, Allen does wish to open doors for others to follow after his time here. He claims "I want more for Prairie View...I want to be an example to the world and show that the stereotypes and misunderstandings people have about Prairie View are not true." Allen believes that his future is brighter than ever due to this University and the opportunities provided to him, and he strives to ensure that no one else misses out on them. To keep up with Allen visit his website DevynA.com.

## Briana McEntire for Lucid Beauty



Photo by Briana McEntire

Briana McEntire is a junior business major here at Prairie View and recently launched her makeup brand "Lucid Beauty." Her makeup line currently includes lip glosses all made from scratch that come in a variety of colors. Aside from this new brand, McEntire is also a talented makeup artist and has been practicing since she was in elementary school. She recounts fond memories of learning her trade stating that "in high school, all I did was practice on myself and other people." In balancing both her studies and her new business, McEntire notices that it has changed her perspective on what makeup means to her. Makeup for her has been not only an outlet but also an art form and a hustle for the young entrepreneur.

Regarding what can be expected from McEntire and "Lucid Beauty" in the future there are big plans ahead. McEntire says "I have a lot of projects ahead, but currently I am designing

pressed highlighters that are hopefully releasing in the spring!" As far as her plans after her graduation, she is hoping to commit more time to her business and expanding her brand. Not only that but she also intends to provide a larger range of products to a broader audience of consumers. When asked she stated that "the thought of where I could be if I keep going makes me not ever want to stop." This Rising Panther is hot on the trails to becoming the next big thing in the makeup industry, and her fellow Panthers support her one hundred percent. McEntire is the true definition of a Girl Boss!!

## Ify Charley

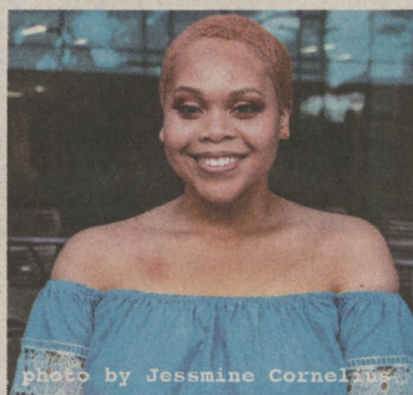


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Ify Charley is a Rising Panther with her podcast, "Babbling with Jas," in which she discusses the importance of self-empowerment and mental health while guiding listeners on their spiritual journeys and encouraging them to live in their truth. Self-love is the main focus of her podcast which is available on both iTunes and Soundcloud. Charley's motivation for being a productive Panther outside the classroom was the mental health crisis occurring in the environment around her. Having witnessed many of her peers struggle with depression and dealing with it herself, she decided she wanted to impact her community positively. Charley states that she "lost a friend to suicide this year, and it woke me up in so many ways...I wanted to create a platform where everyone can grow together and transform into the best versions of ourselves." Charley has a strict standard of no negativity when recording and listening to her podcast, and she pushes her audience to learn to love themselves unconditionally. She discovered her passion for speaking at a young age and recalls being told as a child that she had the characteristics of a motivational speaker. Charley had not paid to much attention to that accolade, assuming that she was talking and not

realizing she possessed a gift. Due to her passion and love of her subject matter, she states "it's not hard to balance between school because this is therapy for me... I get to change the world one episode at a time." Her love for what she does is so great in that she believes she would continue to do the podcast and inspire others with her voice even if the gig made her no money in the future. Charley's desire to impact her audience and their perception of the world is payment enough in her eyes. She states "I feel like this is way more than what money can buy." Viewers can catch her podcast every Sunday and Wednesday, and we look forward to seeing how much more this rising Panther will impact the world!!

## Greg the Gemini



Photo by Alex Marshall

a major contributor to their podcast. When it comes to the support of his family and friends he has got an abundance of it. Although many of his friends and family were surprised when he took it seriously, they were more than on board with his vision. Greg states that his biggest supporter is his mom and called her his "number one fan." It'll be exciting to see what else this Rising Panther has in store for the school in the semester to come!

This Rising Panther is one of the up and coming DJs here at Prairie View. Aside from being an engineering major, he has also rocked the crowd at various events and parties this year. The young deejay's father introduced him to the idea of deejaying when he casually mentioned that he "learn the trade for fun." Greg remembers that he didn't take his father's advice "until I got to Prairie View, something about the culture here that drove me." The culture of Prairie View latched on to Greg when he saw the other up and coming deejays before him. Greg recalled that "the way they would control the crowd and get everyone hype....I wanted all parts of that." Greg achieved that this year and has even been one of "On The Yard's" most prominent figures and

## Remembering George H.W. Bush and his Legacy

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In the wake of the passing of the late President George H.W. Bush, it is crucial for his impacts and achievements to be remembered. While his time as President preceded many of Prairie View's current students, the legacy of excellence that he left behind is exceptional nonetheless. His many credits included serving as a decorated U.S. Navy pilot in World War II, becoming an oil tycoon and millionaire in Texas, appointment to an envoy position in Beijing, and later the Director of Central Intelligence.

However, despite these meritorious milestones, there are some who felt that the National Day of Mourning that followed President Bush's passing was, if not undeserved, then unnecessary. Considering that policies implemented by him in the late '90s caused a great deal of harm to American citizens of color, it's not hard to see why some may feel less than compelled to mourn this fallen President; especially when the aftereffects of said policies have arguably worsened the situation.

Additionally, some students held that, since Prairie View A&M University is an HBCU, and given President Bush's previously mentioned actions, perhaps the campus should not have been made to mourn him. While this perspective was relevant, that did not change the fact that Prairie View was an institute of the Texas government, and was thus subject to any governmental policies, especially those of the local variety.

Finally, President Bush's policymaking did not always come at the expense of the American people. With the approval of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, President Bush brought the same safeguards afforded to racial, religious, and sexual minorities to persons with disabilities. By consequence, President Bush essentially created an environment in which Americans with physical and sensory disabilities could and would be better served by the society they inhabited.

In any case, despite his mistakes and missteps, it's likely that President Bush's term will be one of the more well-remembered incumbencies of the Oval Office.

# Letter to Fellow Panthers



Via SGA

Dear Panther Family,

We have now completed our first semester of the academic year and would like to reflect on it as well as how we can move forward in the Spring. We, the Student Government Association's, role is to promote adequate representation and to be the official voice of the student body so that students' express their opinions.

This year began with some unexpected challenges; however, SGA has been working diligently this semester to overcome them. By using platforms and ideas to improve the Prairie View experience. This semester, we had the opportunity to bring Beto to our University. Although he did not come out victorious, we are proud of the student body for taking out the time to do their civic duty and vote on what their beliefs are. Please remember that there is power in our voices and our votes. We continued the monthly "Presidents Roundtable" meeting where organizations can gather ideas and thought to improve our campus in a centralized location. We also took the initiative to keep students involved by holding town halls on different affairs and departments of the University. This type of forum is highly recommended for students to attend so that there is transparency about plans for the university. Also, for any concerns to be address towards administration. Maduforo Eze started his official scholarship, the "EzUp" Scholarship fund, where he used \$10,000 to help students in financial need. The office of development also matched his \$10,000 which doubled the number of funds that could be given away. Lunch with the VP's started with Princess Ojuolape and Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Timothy Sams. This project was to implement a way for students to explain and express how life on the hill is treating them in all areas. We have officially launched the opportunity for students to sit on the Student Code of Conduct review board. There are more projects in the works to tentatively take effect by spring or fall 2019. By implementing a student complaint box on the official PVAMU website and a physical box right outside the Senate Chambers in the MSC, it has been beneficial to facilitate your concerns adequately. We want to know what we can do in addition to serving you in the following semester; please feel free to contact us or submit anything in our concern box.

The Unleashed Administration will continue to serve you and ensure that student voices are heard. We wish you a happy holiday and a prosperous new year filled with joy and cheer!

In Panther Spirit,

**Maduforo Eze**, Student Government Association President

**Princess Ojuolape**, Student Government Association Vice President

