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Greetings!

As Mayor of Dallas, it gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the attendees of the 2021 State Fair Classic.

The City of Dallas is proud to be the host site for this momentous event at Fair Park’s historic Cotton Bowl Stadium. Tonight’s Grambling State University vs. Prairie View A&M University game promises to be an extraordinary sporting event, and the City of Dallas commends the organizers for its commitment to spirited competition.

I extend a big welcome to all our visitors, and I am confident that you will find yourself taken by our city’s hospitality, even as we continue to distance and mask up to prevent the spread of COVID-19. On behalf of the City of Dallas, we wish you the best for a memorable, joyous, and successful event.

Sincerely,

Eric Johnson
Mayor
August 5, 2021

Greetings:

On behalf of Prairie View A&M University students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the annual State Fair Classic. We again celebrate a longstanding tradition between two football teams that spans over thirty years. We truly appreciate every opportunity to bring Panther Pride to the great City of Dallas.

On this occasion, we are pleased to continue to enhance our connection with our more than 60,000 alumni, 8,000 students and host of fans and supporters.

Their support of our programs is important to the success of PVAMU and the collegiate experience of our student athletes. We wish each team and university success as we continue to pursue excellence in educating future leaders.

Thank you for your support of the 2021 State Fair Classic. We look forward to your continued involvement.

Sincerely,

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Ruth J. Simmons
President
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September 2, 2021

Greetings,

I am happy to write this letter to welcome you to the 2021 State Fair Classic football game between Prairie View A&M University Panthers and Grambling State University Tigers on September 25th at the Dallas Cotton Bowl. Dallas is a vibrant city, and we know you will have a great experience visiting our city.

Al Wash Entertainment is a premiere entertainment company that delivers first class entertainment to families. While you are here, I invite you to enjoy all that our city has to offer. The opportunity for fans to meet and socialize is a valuable one that we hope will provide a positive experience for our visitors.

On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, it is an honor to welcome you. I wish you an enjoyable evening here and I hope you visit Dallas again soon.

Sincerely,

Tennell Atkins
Council Member, District 8
September 25, 2021

Adam Bazaldua
Dallas City Councilmember, District 7

Hello Football Fans!

On behalf of the City of Dallas and District 7, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude for the Al Wash Entertainment group, for their dedication and hard work to promote The State Fair Classic between Prairie View A&M Panthers and Grambling State University Tigers. We’re looking forward to a fierce battle of the bands and half time show, and a great ball game this year, as always. The Historically Black College and University football games continue to grow and thrive, and remain a proud staple in the Cotton Bowl, at Fair Park for over 25 years. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the City of Dallas, and to Sunny South in District 7!

Sincerely,

Adam Bazaldua
Dallas City Councilmember, District 7
Greetings Family and Friends,

It is an honor to welcome you to the State Fair Classic in Dallas, Texas this year. We are elated to return to the Cotton Bowl for the annual "family affair" between the Tigers and Panthers for many reasons. This game will definitely help us to have some fun and experience some of the "good old days" excitement.

We continue to support and applaud the commitment of my good friend, Al Wash/Al Wash Entertainment (ALWE) to provide this city with annual event. In addition to experiencing the game, we also reap the benefits of job creation, business impacts and revenue sharing in our city.

On behalf of the City of Dallas I encourage each and every one to enjoy the Fair Park festivities during this time, but also take time to remember the Covid-19 safety protocols. #Safe Distance. #Sanitization. #SafelyMaskedUp

Good Luck to both teams!

Carolyn King Arnold
Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold, District 4
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Completing his third season on The Hill, Eric Dooley was named Prairie View A&M University’s head football coach on December 22, 2017. Under Dooley, the Panthers have become one of the nation’s most explosive and productive offenses in the country. The 2019 campaign saw the Panthers post a 6-5 record, including another State Fair Classic win over Grambling and continued dominance over Texas Southern in the Labor Day Classic. The Panthers ranked No. 4 nationally in total offense while garnering top 25 rankings in passing offense, rushing offense, passing efficiency, passing defensive efficiency and sacks allowed. The Panthers led the SWAC in total offense and ranked second – 35th nationally – in total defense.

Individually, seven Panthers earned all-conference honors, including Davonya Tucker, who became statistically one of the top all-purpose threats in the country, and Jaylen Harris, who ranked second nationally in passes defended. Under Dooley’s tutelage, Tucker and quarterback Jalen Morton rewrote PVAMU record books with their on-field exploits.

In his first season on The Hill, the Panthers became the first team in program history to have three 60-point scoring games in one season. PVAMU ended the season with back-to-back 60-point games against Alabama St. (66-13) and Texas Southern (60-14) while recording the largest margin of victory over the archival Tigers in program history.

PVAMU set a school record with 815 yards total offense in a win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff in which QB Jalen Morton set a single-game school record with 255 rushing yards.

Dooley, the 33rd head coach in program history, joined Panther Football after spending the previous four seasons at Grambling State University as offensive coordinator (2014-17), including one year as quarterbacks coach (2014) and two years as receivers coach (2016-17). Dooley helped the Tigers to three consecutive Southwestern Athletic Conference Western Division titles (2015-17), two SWAC Championships (2016-17), and an HBCU National Championship (2016). While at GSU, his offenses averaged at least 31 points per game in all four seasons, and ranked first or second in the SWAC in scoring offense each of the last three seasons. In 2016, he was named American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Assistant Coach of the Year.

Under Dooley's guidance in 2015, Grambling ranked fourth in the nation in scoring (41.3 points per game), scored 65 touchdowns, and averaged 470.0 yards per game. The Tigers have produced the SWAC Offensive Player of the Year each of the last three seasons (QB Johnathan Williams 2015, QB Devante Kincade 2016-17). A pair of players during Dooley’s tenure are currently in the NFL (2016 free agent WR Chester Rogers – Indianapolis Colts, 2017 third-round draft pick Chad Williams – Arizona Cardinals).

In three seasons as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Arkansas-Pine Bluff (2011-13), the Golden Lions offense improved each year under his direction. In 2011, QB Ben Anderson earned SWAC Freshman of the Year accolades while ranking second in the league in passing offense. In 2012, UAPB set a school record for wins (10), and won its first outright SWAC Championship since 1966 and were crowned HBCU National Champions. During Dooley’s tenure, tackle Terron Armstead became a third-round pick by the New Orleans Saints in the 2013 NFL Draft.

Those seven seasons as offensive coordinator were preceded by 14 years as an assistant coach in various roles at Southern University (1997-2010). In his one season as running backs coach (1997), he helped to produce a pair of All-SWAC rushers, including SWAC Player of the Year, Steve Wofford. As receivers coach at Southern (1997-2010), he developed the two most prolific receivers in school history (Michael Hayes, Juanorris Stewart).

Dooley played wide receiver at Grambling under legendary coach Eddie Robinson (1985-1988), winning two SWAC Championships. He earned his Bachelor’s degree from Southern University New Orleans (1999), and his Master’s degree from Southern University Baton Rouge (2002).

His professional playing experience includes earning a free agent contract with the Canadian Football League's Calgary Stampeders, one year with the AFL’s Arizona Rattlers and one year with the World League's Taipai Dragons (China). He also spent time coaching at his alma mater, Alcee Fortier Senior High, as the wide receiver coach, and as offensive coordinator at McMain High School, both in New Orleans, La.

Some of his off-field activities include being a member of the American Football Coaches Association as well as being a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Dooley and his wife, Alicia, enjoy the gift of three children, Taajah, Katerra, and Dymond.
August 10, 2021

Greetings from “The Hill!”

Welcome to the 2021 State Fair Classic! We are excited to have our alumni, students, faculty, staff, and fans join us in resuming this historic rivalry in the Cotton Bowl. I thank the City of Dallas and the State Fair of Texas for their hospitality and support.

The State Fair Classic continues to be a very important HBCU event. While this event is a venue for our students to showcase their talents, it also allows us to engage our alumni and supporters. Our student-athletes and staff are honored to represent you, and our University by demonstrating PV Panther Pride, Passion, and Perseverance.

Thank you for your unrelenting support of, and commitment to Prairie View A&M University and its students. We look forward to seeing you on September 25th.

Go Panthers!

Donald R. Reed
Director of Athletics
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Greetings Tigers!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the city of Dallas, Texas. Our team is focused and ready to play an exciting and disciplined brand of football. We want to thank each of you for your unwavering support throughout these challenging times.

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics recognizes and acknowledges all our alumni, fans, students, and supporters today, without you all we would not be here today! We are truly grateful for ALL you do for Dear Old GSU!

To our World Famed Marching Band, Orchestis Dance Company, GSU NCAA Nationally Ranked Cheer Team and Miss Grambling State University & her royal court, we thank you for all your support and look forward to your incredible performances today! Lastly, we thank our #GramFam student body for being the best student body not only in the SWAC, but in the world.

Again, thanks for attending the game; and PLEASE mask up, social distance, wash hands frequently and stay safe! We pray safe travels for all back to your destinations!

With Tiger Pride,

Trayvean D. Scott

Trayvean D. Scott, Ph.D.
Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics
Broderick Fobbs enters his eighth season as head football coach at Grambling State University with a wealth of experience as a coach and understands the demands the student-athletes have on and off the field.

In 2018 & 2019, Fobbs led the Tigers to 6-5 overall record and a 4-3 mark in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). Grambling State had four players named to the All-SWAC teams, including De’Arius Christmas, who earned the SWAC’s Defensive Player of the Year honor for the second consecutive season. Christmas also earned school and national recognition as he was one of 14 finalists for the William V. Campbell National Football Foundation Academic Award.

In addition, the Tigers defense ranked tops in the conference in six categories, including blocked kicks (which led the nation), defensive touchdowns, fumbles recovered, passes intercepted, turnovers gained and turnover margin.

In 2017, Fobbs led Grambling State to an overall record of 11-1, ending the season in the Celebration Bowl with a loss to North Carolina A&T State. The Tigers repeated as SWAC Champions, beating Alcorn State, 40-32, and enjoyed Classic wins over Clark Atlanta (31-20), Prairie View A&M (54-21) and rival Southern (30-21). The four-time SWAC Coach of the Year led the Tigers to a final ranking of 14th in the FCS Coaches Poll and 16th in the STATS FCS Top 25 Poll.

In 2016, Fobbs led the Tigers to an overall record of 11-1, ending the season as SWAC Champions, Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl Champions and HBCU National Champions. After repeating as SWAC Western Division champions, winning the 2016 SWAC championship game and defeating North Carolina Central University 10-9 in the Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl, the Tigers are out to remain on top teams in all of FCS football.

Following a narrow 10-point loss (31-21) to FBS opponent Arizona, Grambling finished the 2016 season on an 11-game winning streak, earning the program’s 25th SWAC title (the first since 2011) and 15th HBCU Football National title - its first since 2008. The Tigers finished the 2016 season ranked 15th in the final FCS Coaches Poll and 16th in the final STATS poll.

In just his first three years as a head coach, Fobbs has not only captured three SWAC Coach of the Year awards, but has lead the Tigers to a 25-2 regular-season conference record – including back-to-back undefeated conference regular seasons (18-0). At the end of the season, 14 Tigers earned all-conference honors, including Devante Kincade being named Offensive Player of the Year and Donovan McCray being named Defensive Player of the Year.

Under legendary Grambling head football coach Eddie Robinson, Fobbs was an honor roll student and served as a two-time team captain for the Tigers. Grambling won the 1992 HBCU National Championship defeating Florida A&M 45-15 in the Heritage Bowl. Grambling also were co-champions of the SWAC in 1994. He led the SWAC in yards per carry averaging 71 one season. He gained more than 1,000 yards during his college football career.

Fobbs was a standout, multisport student-athlete at Carroll High School in Monroe, La. There, he was a team captain and earned all-state honors in football in 1990 and 1991 and all-region in baseball in 1990. Fobbs was also a state qualifier in the open 200m dash in 1991. He played in the state baseball and football all-star games before earning a scholarship to Grambling State University as a running back.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from Grambling in 1997 and is married to the former Kimbia Jones. The couple has two children, Kyndal and Rylee.
Greetings:

Welcome to the 2021 State Fair Classic!

This annual gridiron clash between the Grambling State University Tigers and the Prairie View A&M University Panthers is one of the most highly anticipated games of the season. On and off the field, the spirit of excitement and friendly rivalry pervades the Cotton Bowl.

We are doing our very best to follow appropriate CDC and the Department of Health guidelines, so I thank you for your support and cooperation as we have traveled to support Coach Broderick Fobbs, the coaching staff and, of course, our outstanding G-Men football team.

I would also like to extend warm greetings, on behalf of the GSU family, to Dr. Ruth Simmons, President of Prairie View A&M University, the Panther coaching staff, team and loyal fans.

Grambling State University is proud to be a part of this annual event in the great city of Dallas. We express our sincere appreciation to all of our corporate sponsors for their sustained support and commitment to both universities in our joint mission of educating the nation’s future leaders.

Again, welcome to the 2021 State Fair Classic. Enjoy the game!

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