

## RAYMOND J. THOMAS

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### OBJECTIVE

Well rounded, dedicated student scheduled to graduate in May of 2018 with a passion for agriculture and expanding my knowledge. Seeking to continue my education with an emphasis on economics as it relates to international agriculture trade.

### EDUCATION

**KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY – Expected Graduation Date: May 2020**

Master of Science in Agriculture Economics

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY – Graduated: May 2018**

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Concentration: Agricultural Economics - GPA: 3.66 (Cum Laude Honors)

- ✦ **Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M Namibia Study Abroad** **Summer 2016**  
Studied cultural pluralism and impactful photo journalism techniques as they relate to agricultural production while traveling through five countries in Africa on a month-long intensive excursion
- ✦ **Prairie View A&M University Central Mexico Study Abroad** **Spring 2017**  
Studied the processing of meat and dairy products, sanitation practices and regulation, and analyzed trade agreements while evaluating international relations at institutes in Central Mexico on a week-long excursion
- ✦ **Prairie View A&M University Costa Rica Study Abroad** **Spring 2018**  
Studied land resources economics, land use regulation, tourism as a source of revenue in agriculture, sustainable production practices, and international trade deals in Costa Rica on a week-long excursion

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Student Intern (Austin, TX)** **Summer 2015 – Spring 2018**

- ✦ Assisted in conducting surveys and statistical analysis for agricultural production and supplies of food and fiber
- ✦ Prepared reports related to price of good, farm labor, wages, whether, and other aspects of the farm industry
- ✦ Assisted in organizing and hosting pre-survey planning events and workshops for survey teams and enumerators

**Agworkers Insurance - University Student Representative (Fort Worth Texas)** **Fall 2015 – Spring 2018**

- ✦ Served as the student representative for an insurance company that specializes in servicing employees in agriculture
- ✦ Organized meetings with students organizations to expand target markets and reach new demographics
- ✦ Set up and worked booths at school and agriculture events in order to garner interest from students, faculty, & staff

**College of Agriculture Marketing Department – Jr. Media Relations Specialist (Prairie View TX)** **Spring 2017 – Spring 2018**

- ✦ Communicated the mission and goals of the college with alumni, congressional contacts, and other groups of interest
- ✦ Recruited prospective students, provide opportunities for current students, gather resources or support for the department,
- ✦ Expanded our reach in the community through extension programs, photography, newsletters, social media, and email

### AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

- ✦ MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Related Sciences) - (2015 – present)
  - Position Held: Graduate Student Representative at Kansas State
- ✦ PVAMU Volunteers Community Service Committee (2015 – 2018)
- ✦ Kansas State Research and Extension Fellowship Program (Summer 2018)
- ✦ Graduate Student Council Member Department of Agriculture Economics at Kansas State (2018)
- ✦ USDA Student Diversity Outreach Program Participant (2018)

### SKILLS & FIELD EXPERIENCE

- Soil pH, eC, texture, and color testing
- Soil Survey Plotting experience
- ArcGIS/Esri Mapping experience
- Mail Chimp experience
- Statistical Data Analysis Tools (SAS, Stata)
- Photography experience

### AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✦ Eagle Scout – BSA Troop 56, Atascocita, TX (July 2012)
- ✦ USDA 1890 Land Grant University Honors Scholarship Recipient (2014 - 2018)
- ✦ Mr. Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up (2017)
- ✦ Prairie View A&M University Scholarly Male Award (2016)
- ✦ Gilman International Study Abroad Scholarship (2016)
- ✦ Farm Credit MANRRS VIP Scholarship (2017)