The original Office of Civil Rights Texas Plan, assigned PVAMU the responsibility for satisfying higher education needs of the citizens of Texas, especially in the Northwest Houston Corridor.

A demand for graduate and certification courses led to PVAMU establishing a presence in the Northwest Houston area in the late 1980. All courses offered were in partnerships with school districts in the area and were held on designated school campuses. In the early 1990s, PVAMU centralized all course offerings in the N.W. Houston area by leasing 20,000 square feet of contiguous space from Compaq Computer Corporation, Inc. (20525 SH 249 – Suite 150, Houston, TX) to be used for classroom and office space.

In 1998 PVAMU relocated all course offering to 16000 Stuebner Airline Road, Spring, TX thus establishing the N.W. Houston Academic Center. In 2000, approval was obtained from the appropriate regulatory and accrediting agencies to offer the Master of Education in Educational Administration degree and the Master of Arts in Counseling degree.

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The Northwest Houston Center features a relaxing front lobby (top) and an expanded computer lab (above). Students and guest are greeted at the front desk by a knowledgeable Graduate Assistant and 24 hour security personnel. Corliss Booker is the Computer Lab Technician who assists students in the computer lab. Contact her at 713-790-7280 or cdbooker@pvamu.edu

The Northwest Houston Center will continue to offer high quality programs and courses to students in the new facility.

The following programs include:

- Master of Education in Educational Administration
- Master of Arts in Counseling
- Master of Science in Accounting
- Master of Science Nursing Administration
- Master of Community Development

The Northwest Houston Center University Bookstore sells textbooks, reference books, art and office supplies, and other merchandise related to academic and class needs.

For more information go to the website: https://www.bkstr.com/Home/10001-10734-1?demoKey=d
Opening of Northwest Houston Center (continued)

Students taking courses at the Northwest Houston Center are pleased with the new library. The new space includes computers a circulation/reference desk, additional tables and study space. All of the services offered at the main campus library are available to students and faculty at the satellite campus. Students can request books and other materials from other libraries through the Inner Library Loan system and have the books delivered to the Northwest Houston Center.

Comments from the students have been positive and the space is being utilized frequently. The additional space is conducive for group work as well as quiet study. Students remark that the atmosphere is inviting and the library collection is more visible.

For more information contact the Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, at 713-790-7282 or ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu

Northwest Houston Center library (top)
Northwest Houston Center students: Ryan Burke, Angelica Reyes, and Denyse Moody (below)
The Northwest Houston Center now located at 9449 Grant Road north of Willowbrook Mall, near Tomball Parkway and FM 1960, has 52,000 square feet of classroom, meeting and student service space, and is a fully functional extension of the PVAMU main campus.

As the population and demographic of the northwest Houston area continues to grow so does the need for educational programs. PVAMU’s School of Nursing is hoping to assist future nurses by offering classes leading to the Master of Science in Nursing Administration and the Master of Nursing Education.

The School of Architecture offers at the Northwest Center courses leading to a Masters in Community Development, accredited through the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). Other programs of interest include the Masters in Educational Administration, Master of Arts in Counseling, and the Masters of Science in Accounting. For more information please contact Dr. Michael McFrazier, Vice Provost and Dean, Northwest Houston Center, 713-790-7272 or consult the website: http://pvamu.edu/northwest

Top: Dr. Michael McFrazier, Vice Provost and Dean, Northwest Houston Center and Valerie Mendoza Milan converse with a student.
Right: Professor Barry Norwood, College of Architecture, instructs students in the newly designed classroom for architecture students enrolled in the Community Development program.
The Prairie View A&M University Center for International Business Education and the U.S. Department of Commerce (Houston Export Assistance Center) co-hosted an outreach seminar on Aug 5, 2010 at the PVAMU Northwest Houston Center.

The primary objective of the seminar was to discuss international business opportunities and challenges for small businesses. The seminar featured a series of presentations on global business topics, with a primary focus on exporting to South Korea.

Speakers from the Houston Export Assistance Center and the Export-Import Bank discussed the export marketing programs of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the export finance programs of the Ex-Im Bank. Other speakers included an international banker, an international attorney, and an international freight forwarder, who addressed their respective subjects with a focus on Korea, but with applicability to all international markets. The seminar was sponsored by the Business and International Education (BIE) grant from the U.S. Department of Education.
### Academic Calendar—Graduate Students—Fall 2010

**August 28, Saturday**
- Regular Registration for Graduate Students

**August 30, Monday**
- Late Registration and Drop/Add Begins
- Instruction Begins

**September 4, Saturday**
- Late Registration, Add Courses, Change Major/Certification or any Matriculation Change Ends for Graduate Students
- Student Web Access Closes

**September 8, Wednesday**
- Student Assembly
- All Students Attend

**September 14, Tuesday**
- Census Date (12th Class Day)
- **LAST DAY** to Drop Course(s) without academic Record

**September 15, Wednesday**
- Withdrawal from courses with academic record ("W") Begins

**September 24, Friday**
- **20th Class Day**
- Mid-Semester Examination Period

**October 21-23, Thursday-Saturday**
- Mid-Semester Grades Due

**October 26, Tuesday**
- Deadline to Apply for Spring 2011 Graduation

**November 5, Friday**
- Withdrawal from Course(s) with academic record ("W") Ends

**November 6, Tuesday**
- Priority Registration Begins for Spring 2011 Semester

**November 25-27, Thursday-Saturday**
- Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)

**November 29, Monday**
- Instruction Resumes

**December 6-7, Monday-Tuesday**
- Course Review Day [Classes must convene and instructors will prepare students for Final Exams]

**December 7, Tuesday**
- Last Class Day for Fall 2010 Semester
- **Last Day to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses) for the Fall 2010 Semester**

**December 8-9, Wednesday-Thursday**
- Study Days for Exams

**December 10-15, Friday-Wednesday**
- Final Examination Period
- Final Grades Due for Graduation Candidates

**December 15, Wednesday**
- Commencement
- Final Grades Due for All Other Students

**December 18, Saturday**
- **Calendar taken from Office of the Registrar: http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/4769.asp**

### Financial Aid Deadlines—Graduate Students

- **October 15, 2010** – Spring 2011 priority submission date for a complete financial aid application file.
  - A complete application file includes: (1) the 2010-2011 Federal Student Aid Report
  - (2) verification (3) student’s acceptance to PVAMU.

- **December 15, 2010** – Fall 2010 verification deadline. Final date for processing financial aid awards in advance of 2011 spring registration with the assurance that awarded funds will be available for fee payment in January.

- **January 2, 2011** – [FAFSA on the Web](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), [Renewal FAFSA on the Web](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), and [Corrections on the Web](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) will be available for students. The Central Processor’s application processing system will begin processing new 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid Applications.

  For more information contact the Financial Aid Counselor, Glenda Williams at 713-790-7287
Understanding Borderline Personality Disorder, M.M. Linehan

This important video addresses three essential questions:
- What is borderline personality disorder?
- What causes it?
- How can it be effectively treated?

A straightforward introduction for therapists, the program explains BPD and provides a through overview of Marcha M. Linehan’s uniquely effective treatment approach, called Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT).
(Content description taken from jacket cover)

No More Bets, Please, H.G. Nelson

This DVD provides a comprehensive look at the downward spiral of problem gambling and the path to recovery...A fitting tool for students and counselors who want to know more about problem gambling, and for gamblers searching for hope and change.

This straight talking empowering video program offers essential information on how problem gambling develops, its damaging impact on individuals and families, and how it can successfully be treated.
(Content description taken from jacket cover)

Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy with Dr. John Krumboltz : Psychotherapy with the Experts Video

John Krumboltz sees himself as a teacher and emotional coach. He doesn’t think psychotherapy needs to be a mysterious process, and instead works with clients to figure out ways to improve behaviors and prevent problems from recurring in the future. From this video you will develop an understanding of the key components of Krumboltz’s Cognitive-Behavior approach, and gain insight into Krumboltz’s therapy style and how he removes the mystique surrounding the therapeutic process by remaining sensible and down to earth. John D. Krumboltz is Professor of Education and Psychology at Stanford University.
(Content description taken from jacket cover)

TCs in Prisons: A Research Perspective, Harry Wexler, PhD

Dr. Harry Wexler walks through the past and current research developments on the efficacy of Therapeutic Communities in prisons. A timeline from the 1950s to present details how the Therapeutic Community model developed in prisons, and what research efforts supported that development. Wexler discusses a breadth of topics including: the evidence that prison treatment alone is insufficient for long-term change, and the importance of aftercare; the benefits and potential problems of manual-based treatment; the need for incentives; the importance of bridging TC members and facilitators with their outside communities; and the promising new research of TCs in maximum-security prisons and the potential of reducing violence among their prisoners.
(Content description from website: http://www.psychotherapy.net/video/TC_Prisons_Research)
Fifteen PVAMU faculty members have received teaching honors from the Texas A&M University System for their work in the classroom during the spring 2010 semester. Winners in the top five percent: LaKeshur Green, Kevin Storr, Ahmed Mahfouz and Alex Colvin. Winners in the next 15 percent: Quincy Moore, Premkumar Saganti, Ann Johnson, Innocent Aluka, Cleo Bentley, Gin Chong, Cleveland Lane, Ananda Amarasekara, Douglas Butler, Kaarin Perkins and Drechelle Edwards.

Nine Prairie View Nursing students receive scholarship

The Healthcare & Nursing Education Foundation (HNEF) awarded academic scholarships to nine Prairie View A&M students dedicated to pursuing a nursing career.

Scholarships were awarded according to academics, leadership ability, community involvement, financial need and commitment to pursuing a professional nursing career in the Houston area. Scholarship recipients receive up to $3,000 per year for their freshman and sophomore years and $4,000 per year for their junior and senior years to be applied towards tuition, books and/or fees.

The nine Prairie View A&M recipients are Martha Adu, Brittany Butler, LaQuisha Davis, Rania Ebrahim, Khadine Haye, Keidra Hyatt, Joy Nwakor, KaDeidra Sewell and Felicia Villarreal. (seven students). For more information contact the College Nursing or go to the website: http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/6687.asp.

Banned Book Week (September 25-October 2, 2010). Celebrate your right to read and your right to intellectual freedom at the John B. Coleman library and the Northwest Center library. The library will host special activities and displays. The Northwest Center invites students to a Banned Book Week Film Series to watch movies previously banned, The Color Purple (Sept. 29th) and Beloved (Sept 30th) from 3:00-5:00 p.m., at the Northwest Houston Center.

2010 STATE FARM LABOR DAY CLASSIC XXVI. Prairie View A&M vs. Texas Southern, Sunday, Sept. 5 Houston, Texas (Reliant Stadium) 4:00 P.M. Tickets on sale at PVAMU bookstores.

The Office of Continuing Education (OCE) is committed to coordinating, quality, innovative continuing education programs that enhance professional development, career opportunities, and lifelong learning endeavors. New course offerings include the following: SHRM LEARNING SYSTEM® SHRM CERTIFICATION PREPARATION; SHRM ESSENTIALS OF HR MANAGEMENT; BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ESSENTIAL (Mini-MBA); INTRODUCTION TO GRANT WRITING AND ADVANCED GRANT WRITING. For more information contact the Office of Continuing Education at: 936-261-2127 or OCE@pvamu.edu or visit the website: http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/2034.asp

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership is pleased to announce the 2010 Homecoming events. Under the theme PVn3D, Homecoming festivities commence on Sunday, October 10 and will culminate with the Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Football Game and Step Show on Saturday, October 16.
Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian, Debbie Jones, Clinical Assistant Professor, PVAMU College of Nursing, and Dr. Nancy Greer-Williams, presented a panel discussion at the NCAAL/Black Caucus of ALA, Culture Keepers, 7th Annual Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, August 4-8, 2010, entitled “Failing at Success: What They Don’t Tell you about Doctoral Programs. Ms Brumfield also presented” HBCU Libraries and Technology, an Exploratory Study.

In addition to the educational sessions the conference provided an opportunity to visit with renown authors including, Genealogy and Children's author, Roland Barksdale (pictured right with Ms. Brumfield), Dr. Terrence Robert of the Little Rock Nine (pictured left) and Ray Charles Robinson, son of legendary musician Ray Charles. Other speakers included Kim Wayans and her husband Kevin Knotts, authors of a series of children’s books about interracial children. Noted chef and food activist Bryant Terry, not only introduced his new book, he also provided cooking demonstrations. The closing guest speaker, Roland Martin, CNN Analyst, journalist and political correspondent discussed the importance of encouraging children to read. Brumfield will be a presenter at the Distance Learning Conference in Columbus, Georgia, September 24-25th and at the HBCU Faculty Development Conference in New Orleans, October 21-24th. Brumfield recently published an article in the Journal of Library and Information Services in Distance Learning entitled “Applying the Critical Theory of Library Technology to Distance Library Services”.

Brumfield will co-author a chapter with Anne Payton, Fort Valley State University, in a to be published book entitled: HBCU’s face the 21st Century, (McGraw Hill publishers).

The following list contains recently announced requests for proposals, papers, articles and presentations from the Chronicle of Higher Education.

- **Black Studies:** RFP for possible publication in Black Women, Gender & Families, the journal of the National Council for Black Studies. Contact: Black Women, Gender & Families; email: bwgf-uiuc.edu

- **Business:** RFP for possible presentation at “Knowledge,” the Business History Conference’s annual meeting, in March-April 2011 in St. Louis. Contact: Roger Horowitz, Business History Conference, P.O. Box 3630, Wilmington, Del. 19807: 302-658-2400, email: bhc2011@hagley.org

- **Children:** RFP for possible publication in the Journal of Children and Poverty. Contact: Journal of Children and Poverty, 36 Cooper Square, 6th FL, New York, NY 10001; email: kmayer@icpny.org

- **Higher Education:** Request for articles from graduate students concerning their college experience for possible publication in Higher Education in Review. Contact: highereducationinreview@psu.edu

- **Human Resources:** Request for articles from professors and graduate students for possible inclusion in Human Resource Encyclopedia, which will be published in 2011. Contact: William J. Rothwell, 814-863-2581; email: wjr9@psu.edu

- **Student Affairs/Counseling:** RFP for possible presentations at the “Southeastern Conference on Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education”, in February, Savannah, GA. Contact: Sybil Fickle, Georgia State University 912-478-5557, http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu

- **Teaching:** Request for articles for possible publication in Journal on Excellence in College Teaching. Contact: Gregg Wentzell, email: wentzegw@muohio.edu, http://ject.lib.muohio.edu
The Student Leadership Institute is a training program designed to provide the opportunity, through lectures, workshops, programs and events, for the student participants to further develop their skills in leadership, communication, conflict resolution, ethics, goal setting, etiquette training, problem solving skills, and other "soft skills" needed for the students to succeed in the workplace. The institute also emphasizes school pride and spirit, parliamentary procedure, and team building, all designed to address student recruitment and retention through peer involvement.

On graduation from the program the student participants serve as "Panther Advisor Leaders" (PALs) during the freshmen orientation week (Panther Camp) where they seek to create an atmosphere that minimizes anxiety, promotes positive attitudes and stimulates an excitement for learning.
Student Leaders enjoy a lunch break in the multipurpose room and student lounge.
Steven A. Ranson, Director of Student Activities, Denise Simmons, Assistant Director, Shante Moore, Program Coordinator and Orok Orok, Program Coordinator arranged the event. For more information visit the Student Leadership Institute website: http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/1621.asp
Dr. Michael McFrazier has been appointed Vice Provost and Dean of Northwest Houston Center.

Dr. Michael L. McFrazier was chosen to direct the University’s expansion in Northwest Houston. In his new capacity, McFrazier will continue his outstanding work with PVAMU deans, vice presidents, directors and other academic support officers as he establishes the University’s Northwest Houston Center. As dean of the center, he will oversee the University’s academic programs in the new facility. The Center will serve students seeking degrees in educational administration, counseling, accounting, nursing administration, business and community development.

Prior to his appointment, McFrazier served as the Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. He joined PVAMU in 1999 and is known for his dedicated commitment to student success. He holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education, a master's degree in Vocal Performance and a master’s degree in Educational Administration, all earned at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He also earned his doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

McFrazier and the Northwest Center team will introduce the Northwest Houston community to the Center during its Open House on October 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For details about programs or the Open House, visit www.pvamu.edu/northwest.