Since the summer of 1984, Prairie View A&M University has sponsored the Institute for Pre-College Enrichment (PCI), a two-week residential summer program, for talented high school students. The mission for PCI is to help prepare students for the new school year and assist them in making early plans to pursue a college education in an area that interest them most. They are also encouraged to stay in school and to go to college. Many of our former participants have enrolled at Prairie View A&M University or other universities upon graduation from high school. Currently, PCI and selected academic units co-sponsor the program with 4 workshops/seminars to help the students plan and prepare for college and future careers. Students will receive emphasis on essay writing, college application, funding for college, scholarship awareness and leadership. In the workshops, the students are:

- Assessed in reading, counseled and encouraged to read as much as possible, expand vocabulary and sharpen critical thinking skills;
- Assessed in math, review math concepts required for success in high school and college;
- Assessed in writing, encouraged to write frequently, improve skills and to gain an appreciation for written communication by composing letters, e-mail, course assignments, also notes and journal entries;
- Exposed to test taking skills and techniques to help prepare them for various academic skills test, TAKS, PSAT, SAT, ACT, etc.

Challenged to return to school and take rigorous academic courses that encourage one to read critically, develop math skills and write effectively.

The Institute Faculty and Staff include university faculty and Master Teachers selected from area secondary schools. Outstanding college students serve as peer advisors and tutors and provide excellent role modeling for the students. Classes and seminars are held in university classroom and laboratory facilities to enhance their appreciation for future careers. The university library, computer labs, recreation and exercise facilities are also available for the PCI students’ use. The students also participate in several cultural and career oriented events, as well as implement self-directed social and career projects.

Students will learn about careers through participation in professional skills symposia and workshops listed below:

The Pre College Enrichment Institute (PCI) Workshops

ARTEC - Architecture Enrichment Concepts - offered to students interested in art, architecture, computer aided design, and construction science. ARTEC is co-sponsored by the School of Architecture.

BASIS - Business for Academic and Scholarly Inclined Students - offered to students interested in the business professions with emphasis on accounting, finance, information systems, management and marketing. BASIS is co-sponsored by the College of Business.

MITES - Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science offered to highly competitive students interested in engineering, engineering technology, computer science, physics, chemistry and mathematics. MITES is open to all ethnic groups and is co-sponsored by the College of Engineering.

SCOPE - Science Careers Opportunities Enhancement offered to highly competitive students interested in becoming a medical doctor, dentist, veterinarian, nurse, physical therapists, physician’s assistant or other allied health professional. SCOPE is co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Biology.

For additional information, contact the Institute by telephone or email:

PVAMU Pre-College Institute
P.O. Box 519; MS 1028
Prairie View, Texas 77446-0066

Voice: (936) 261-3570
Email: precollege@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/careerservices
Who is eligible? Students who are currently in grades 9th, 10th and 11th as of January 2015, with a minimum 2.80 GPA are eligible to apply. Admission is competitive and is based on the student’s academic record, and counselor recommendation and grade level.

What does it cost? Each student is required to pay a fee of $450.00 upon acceptance in the program. The fee is non-refundable. Parents are responsible for the student’s transportation from home to the university and return. Students traveling to the Houston/Prairie View areas by commercial means will be met at the appropriate arrival facility by university personnel and will be provided transportation to the campus.

Living arrangements at the Institute: Participants are housed two per room under supervision of a professional Residential Hall Director and College Student Peer Advisors in the University College Residential complex. Male and female students are housed in separate buildings. Three meals are served each day in the university dining facility. Occasionally, snacks are provided during the special evening events. Each room is equipped with a microwave and mini-fridge. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to keep in their rooms.

How does one apply? One may apply by completing the enclosed student application form and the academic counselor recommendation form. Attach your academic information (current report card) or transcript, and mail all materials to the address below.

A complete application package includes:
  1) PCI Application Form/Essay
  2) Academic information (report card or transcript) May be sent separately from school.
  3) Counselor/Teacher Recommendation Form May be sent separately from school.

Faxed copies are not accepted. An incomplete package will not be considered after the deadline date. Counselor forms may be sent separately from the application due to confidentiality. If transcript is not available, academic information (report cards) is acceptable, please calculate GPA as of current date.

What is the deadline for applications? Applications, with accompanying materials are due by May 1, 2015.

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Voice: (936) 261-3570 Email: sfwashington@pvamu.edu
PCI Website: http://www.pvamu.edu/sa/career-services/pre-college-enrichment/
Career and Outreach Services: http://www.pvamu.edu/sa/career-services/

NOTE: This material and the attached application may be reproduced and distributed to other interested students.
INSTITUTE FOR PRE-COLLEGE ENRICHMENT APPLICATION

Name ___________________________ Last Name __________________ First Name ___________________ MI __________________

Mailing Address ____________________________________________ Street/P.O. Box __________________ City __________ State ______ Zip Code ________

Phone ( ) _____________________ Cell ( ) _____________________ E-mail __________________

Date of Birth _____________ □ Female □ Male Ethnicity, optional but highly desirable: □ African-American □ American-Indian □ Caucasian □ Hispanic □ Asian/Pacific Islander □ Biracial Other __________________

GPA of ________ on a 4.00 scale/5.0 scale (circle one)

Name of High School __________________________________ Current Grade □ 9th □ 10th □ 11th

School Address: __________________________ City State Zip Code __________________________

Counselor: __________________________

Your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice of workshops: ___ ARTEC ___ BASIS ___ MITES ___ SCOPE

List honors, awards, extra-curricular activities, offices held (attach a separate sheet if necessary) __________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

Attach an ESSAY (typed, double spaced of approximately 250 words in length) on the following topic:
Everything you post online combines to make your digital footprint. Remember that what you share with your friends may also be viewed by people you don’t know. And once it’s online, it could be there forever.
As a teen, how do you insure your cyber presence and reputation on the internet is secure? What is the impact that social media has on American Youth? What does your digital footprint say about you?

Student Pledge: If selected, for the Institute for Pre-College Enrichment, I agree to attend all scheduled classes, participate in all events and to abide by the rules and regulations of the program.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________________

Provide information below pertaining to your Parent(s) or Legal Guardian:

Parent _______________ Last Name ___________________ First Name ___________________ Relationship __________________

( ) ___________________ ( ) ___________________ ( ) ___________________ Day Phone Number __________ Evening Phone Number __________ Cell Phone Number __________ E-mail __________________

Parent _______________ Last Name ___________________ First Name ___________________ Relationship __________________

( ) ___________________ ( ) ___________________ ( ) ___________________ Day Phone Number __________ Evening Phone Number __________ Cell Phone Number __________ E-mail __________________

Parent Statement: I will permit __________________________ to attend the Institute for Pre-College Enrichment and to be governed by the rules and regulations of the institute.

__________________________________________________________ ____________________________ __________ ______

Parent Name (printed) __________________________________ Parent Signature __________________ Date: __________________________

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Mail Application Materials To: P.O. Box 519, Mail Stop #1028 Prairie View, TX 77446

Please type or print clearly. Completed application must be in the office by May 1, 2015.
Dear Counselor/Teacher: I request that you complete the recommendation below for me. Please attach a copy of my academic record (report card) or transcript (including my test scores). I understand that the information you provide will be treated in a CONFIDENTIAL manner and will not be released to anyone outside the Pre-College Institute staff without your permission.

NOTE: Please place this recommendation in a sealed/taped envelope with your signature on the tape and give it back to the student to be mailed with the application or send directly to camp coordinator. The recommendation is due by May 1, 2015.

Student Signature ______________________________ Date________________________

Mailing Address ________________________________ City __________ State ______ Zip Code

1. Applicant is enrolled and in good standing at ______________________________school. The student is in the ________ grade with a GPA of ________ on a 4.00 / 5.00 scale (circle one) Please convert where necessary.

The student ranks number _________ in a class of __________ (optional).

2. The high school curriculum pursued by the student can best be described as: (check one):
   □ Honors □ College Prep □ Regular □ Vocational □ Other __________________________

3. Has the student ever been on academic or social discipline? □ No □ Yes (If yes, to what extent will it affect the students ability to participate in this institute:__________________________

4. Considering this applicant’s record and potential to benefit from the Institute, I recommend the applicant: □ Strongly □ Favorably □ Regular □ With Reservation □ Not to be selected

5. Comments: ______________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________ (______________________) ______________________
Print Name & Title Telephone Number Email

Signature ______________________________ Date ________________

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