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Northwest Houston Center newsletter

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### DEAN’S CORNER

**The Northwest Houston Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting @ the Northwest Houston Center**

Above: Dr. Munir Quddus, Dean College of Business, Associate Provost Northwest Houston Center poses with Mr. Fred Thompson, Northwest Houston Chamber member.

Right: Dr. Quddus greets new Prairie View A&M University faculty and staff at the Northwest Houston Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting.

More pictures on pages 6&7
Greetings from the NWHC!

We have just wrapped up an exciting semester and year.

This was my first year managing this important part of the PVAMU campus. Supporting me was Dr. Perez and an excellent team.

Ms. Cynthia Williams joined the Dean’s office and has already made an impact with her energy and ideas.

We will be adding to this team with a new position – Manager, Recruitment and Student Services.

The highlights for the year include:
- Establishing a one-stop transfer and student advising center
- Establishing a NWHC Faculty Advisory Council
- Joining the Spring-Klein Chamber of Commerce
- Networking breakfast meeting for Lone Star Community College Counselors
- Exciting Black History Month and Women’s History month programs
- Sponsoring a networking breakfast with nearly 100 participants for the Northwest Houston Chamber of Commerce
- Making good progress on the building of the Exercise room
- New printer in the library for students (they can use their PV card)
- Dean’s lecture series with three lectures (Insurance 101; Your Retirement Options; How to Launch your own business)
- Approval of two new graduate programs for fall 2014 – Ph.D. in Juvenile Justice, Masters in Architecture.
- Nearly $150,000 in summer scholarships given to undergraduate and graduate students, both current and new
- Community outreach included, Early Voting for Harris County, Exploratory Meeting of the Toastmasters, and signing of contract with the Princeton Review for SAT prep and other programs

The NWHC is growing – we have 25% higher enrollment in the summer school compared to last summer.

With best wishes on a wonderful summer,

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Congratulations to our very own NWHC alumni, Carlos Pierson and Eric Pearson Teachers of the Year

Carlos Pierson (above) was voted Teacher of the Year 2014-Boone Elementary, Alief ISD & Elementary Alief ISD District Teacher of the Year 2014.

Alief ISD, is a Texas Education Agency Recognized school district. It was founded in 1917 and is located in southwest Houston, an urban community with thriving businesses, active churches, and a variety of recreational facilities. The district encompasses 36.6 square miles. An exemplary education is provided for students in prekindergarten through grade twelve. The district offers a wide range of educational opportunities in academics, the arts, and career and technology education. Special education, gifted/talented, English as a second language (ESL), and an English Spanish bilingual program are among the support strands available.

Alief is the most ethnically diverse of school districts of comparable size in Texas. Virtually every culture of the modern world is represented in its 45,000 student enrollment; more than 80 languages and dialects are spoken. Guest speakers, culture clubs, and ethnic fairs help promote multicultural appreciation.

Eric Pearson was voted Teacher of the Year 2014-Elsik High School, Alief ISD. Mr Pearson was a Northwest Houston Center Ambassador and was one of the first to received the NWHC scholarship. Both Carlos Pierson and Eric Pearson graduated from Prairie View A&M University, NWHC Fall 2013.
Family Health Day

The NWHC hosted Family Health Day in February 2014 in collaboration with The Cooperative Extension, Total Wellness Initiative Program and Panthers Promoting Healthy Decisions (PHD’s). Other health care representatives included Red Cross, Health Services Department. Health screenings, blood pressure, HIV, diabetes testing was done as well as healthy food demonstrations. Mental Health Wellness lecture was sponsored by the Cooperative Extension, Total Wellness Initiative Program.

Panthers Promoting Healthy Decisions is designed to educate the PVAMU student as well as the community about the issues that students face today with drugs, alcohol, and sex. They all factor into one another therefore making each subject as important as the next. The program is ran by Gregory Rose, Project Director. The program allows Student Peer educators (SPEs) to educate their peers from a student view point. They feel that it is better to talk WITH the students rather than talk AT them for the sole purpose of getting a better understanding of the knowledge at hand.

For more information please go to Panthers Promoting Healthy Decisions website: http://www.pvamu.edu/auxiliarservices/health-services/panthers-promoting-healthy-decisions/
The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce has just turned 39 years old with a successful history of supporting the development of both business interests and the community.

“We have much to celebrate in northwest Houston and Harris County! Steady growth in population and new businesses. Higher education explosion in our area with the opening of various facilities housing a dozen universities serving our desirable demographic. http://www.houstonnwchamber.org.”

The Northwest Houston Center as host to the Chamber added a little excitement to the monthly breakfast meeting with the Mardi Gras theme. It was evident that the over 35 businesses represented enjoyed the event.
Maya Angelou first came to Prairie View A&M University in 1985, as a guest of the Century Two Reading Committee commemorating Black History Month. Dr. Clarissa Booker from the College of Education had invited Dr. Angelou to come and share her knowledge, advice and spirit to students, staff and faculty. Hattie Horn was a student at the time and had the opportunity to spend time with Dr. Angelou. Her article was given to me from Phyllis Earles the Archivist in the Coleman Library. Ms. Horn wrote for the Prairie View Panther, one of the campus newsletters.

I was not at Prairie View in 1985, I did meet Dr. Angelou around 1998 or 1999 when she gave a poetry reading at the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh. However, my meeting was merely as an admirer to someone admired. I was in awe of Dr. Angelou, an autograph was enough for me. Others at Prairie View have real stories they can tell about something profound Dr. Maya Angelou said or personal advice she gave. The Coleman Library has a rare book donated from Dr. Angelou, “Our Grandmothers,” housed in the Archives Department. Prairie View is the only recipient of this autographed gift to the university. I was unaware of the connection Dr. Angelou had to Prairie View. Her respect for the Prairie View A&M University, her friendship with faculty, and her generous donations.

We remember Dr. Angelou and we are thankful that she made her way to PVAMU that February in 1985. Dr. Angelou was a great author, humanitarian, mother, friend, actress, dancer, woman. She was a Phenomenal Woman.

Phenomenal Woman (excerpt– first verse)
by Maya Angelou
Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I’m not cute or built to suit a fashion model’s size
But when I start to tell them, They think I’m telling lies.
I say,
It’s in the reach of my arms
The span of my hips, The stride of my step, The curl of my lips.
I’m a woman Phenomenally,
Phenomenal woman,
That’s me.

Please visit the Maya Angelou displays at the NWHC and Coleman Library main campus. June-July, 2014.

Submitted by Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, pictures from Coleman Library Archives Collection.
Historic Preservation Symposium

Historic Preservation students from Professor Mod’s Historic Markers course attended the 15th Annual Historic Preservation Symposium held at the Langford Architectural Complex at Texas A&M University on March 21-22, 2014. Catherine Richardson presented a poster at the event along with historic preservation students from Texas A&M, the University of Texas and Texas Tech.

Left—De’ Marcus Warren (left) discusses the preservation of Rosewood Courts in Austin, the oldest Black public housing project in America., with Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla.

Right—Catherine Richardson fields questions from Center for Heritage Conservation Director Robert Warden (left) about the history of Prairie View A&M University and the importance of HBCUs.

The School of Architecture under its graduate program in Community Development offers certifications in Historic Preservation, along with certificates in Real Estate Development, Fundraising, Community Planning, International Community Development.

The purpose for offering graduate certificates is to meet the additional education needs of the community development professional. As jobs responsibilities change due to emerging new markets and demands, additional training or specialized training are often required for many of the other professions. For example, an architect may become involved in the preservation of historic districts or the planning and development of a community; a non-profit executive being involved in fundraising activities; a developer being involved in the development of another country’s infrastructure.

Students in the Community Development Master’s Program or any other master’s program have the option to select courses from these study areas to fulfill their elective course requirement. The Community Development Graduate Certification Program is a set of courses that provides in-depth knowledge in a subject matter. The set of courses are more practice-oriented than the required courses in a graduate academic program.

Certificates in Historic Preservation, Fundraising, International Community Development, Real Estate Development, and Community Planning are awarded after the completion of the program, and must be signed by the program director and/or the Dean of the School of Architecture.

Article taken from http://www.pvamu.edu/soa/academics/graduate-program/graduate-certification-program. Picture courtesy of Professor Anna Mod, School of Architecture.
Passport to Your Future—2014

The Northwest Houston Center staff took part in the Annual Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce (HNWCC) Passport to Your Future on November, 2013 at the Lonestar University Park campus.

The event is coordinated by the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Education and Workforce Development Committee. Passport to Your Future provides an opportunity for students to learn more about various career clusters. This forum provided sessions for high school students that focused on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and Health clusters.

(Right) College of Nursing displays training tools used in nursing education.

Toastmasters Coming to NWHC!!!
Become the Public Speaker and Leader You Are Meant To Be

Since 1924, more than 4 million people around the world have become more confident speakers and leaders because of their participation in Toastmasters. The “Cy-Fair Super Speakers” Toastmasters Group will begin holding their weekly meetings @ the NWHC starting Monday, June 09, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Toastmasters is a friendly, supportive club with 31 years serving Houston. We’re engineers and educators, doctors and lawyers, oilmen and civil servants, insurance and sales professionals. We’re at the peak of our careers and just starting out. We’re native Houstonians and new arrivals – we’re just like you! Become a member of our Meetup page and get special invitations to upcoming events. Make a resolution that leads to a bigger paycheck and a better life. Join Toastmasters and become the Public Speaker and Leader you are meant to be, in a friendly and supportive environment that will get you there.

Taken from Toastmaster’s website, for more information: http://www.meetup.com/Talk-of-The-Town-Toastmasters-Houston/
Black History Month

Lavonda Broadnax, Digital Reference Specialist, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Winner of the Zora Neale Hurston Award for Leadership in promoting African American literature, was one of our guest speakers for Black History month, 2014. Ms. Broadnax discussed the documentation of civil rights by the U.S. government in the largest library in the world and the oldest United States cultural institution. Ms. Broadnax also shared her experience creating “Selected Online Works by Civil War Era African American Women,” which compiles over seventy-five works published by or about African American women. The number of books represented on the guide is quite remarkable given that, at this time, it was illegal for the vast majority of African Americans to learn to read or write.

Dr. Terence Hicks, Dean of the College of Education (pictured below) presented, A Lecture from the Children of the “Lost-Generation” of Students from Prince Edward County.” Dr. Hicks discussed research on the historical events surrounding the Prince Edward County’s school closings. For five years (1959-1964), the families of 1,700 African American students were forced to cope with the absence of public schooling in the county. Their efforts led to the case Davis v. the County School Board of Prince Edward County, which was one of the cases that were consolidated with Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.
The NWHC was honored to have as a special Women’s History Month guest speaker Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas Smith.

Dr. Emma Joahanne Thomas-Smith has served Prairie View A&M University and higher education for over thirty years as a teacher, mentor, administrator, and supporter of the many publics served by the University. She is well known as one who truly believes in and promotes the mission and rich legacy of Prairie View A&M University.

Dr. Thomas-Smith has been a featured spokesperson for access and equity on National Public Radio, the Fox Television Network, and on programs offered by professional associations, state and federal agencies, and by such service and community organizations as Jack and Jill of America, the United Methodist Church, Top Ladies of Distinction, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and the NAACP.

Before her arrival at Prairie A&M University in 1968, Dr. Thomas-Smith taught in public schools in Hawaii and Washington State and was a visiting faculty member at the University of Georgia. Her bachelor’s degree in English is from Tuskegee University (1965); her master’s degree in educational administration with an English cognate is from New Mexico Highlands University (1966). In 1976, she earned a doctorate in higher education with an American studies cognate from Washington State University (1976). Her post-doctoral study was completed at Northeastern University in Boston in 1986 and at the University of Texas-Arlington, Texas in 1988.

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Executive MBA in China

If you’ve been thinking about your career’s long-term prospects and how far you can go, success is closer than you think.

Prairie View A&M University’s Executive MBA is a two-year program with top accreditation, a convenient location and a cutting-edge blend of online and in-class instruction.

With PVAMU’s EMBA program, you can fast-track your career goals in a flexible and affordable format at an accessible location.

Key facets of our EMBA program include:

- A two-year, 12-course program for managers and executives.
- Classes conveniently offered in Northwest Houston at the PVAMU Northwest Houston Center near Willowbrook Mall.
- Course materials covered in eight weeks in hybrid format (blend of online and face-to-face) one course at a time, every other Saturday.
- Ten-day overseas study tour in China.
- No GMAT or GRE Exam is required for admission.
- Competitively priced all-inclusive tuition including meals on class days, course materials, overseas trip and related tuition expenses.

Students develop robust and dynamic networks among their teams and build their network with access to industry leaders including the Dean’s Advisory Board.

Classes taught by highly-qualified faculty with published research and experience in their field.

Programs are accredited by AACSB International – only 5% of business programs worldwide are AACSB accredited.
Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, will represent PVAMU and the Coleman Library at the Emory Digital Scholarship Institute in Atlanta, Georgia and also the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Congress in France.

Emory University’s Center for Digital Scholarship provides consultation and support for digital teaching and is designed to strengthen the community of digital learners, share experiences and maintain dialogue for future opportunities. Twenty individuals were selected from the submitted applicants from all HBCUs and land grant institutions. The workshop will focus on acquiring technical skills for building select digital projects. Funds from an ECDS Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant will cover the costs associated with the workshop, including lodging, meals, materials and supplies. Training includes sessions on Data Architecture, Copyright Guidance, Scholarly Communication and tools such as Omeka, and WordPress.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

Elizabeth Jean Brumfield will present a poster session entitled: *Revolutionizing Library Browsing with Mobile Applications and Augmented Reality*. Of the 170 poster presentations accepted from all over the world, 29 were selected from the United States. It is a honor for PVAMU to be included in the selection. The Congress is also providing tours to several libraries in various cities including Paris, Lyon, and Switzerland.

**Copyright—It’s the Law**

Copyright restrictions can be complicated and tricky, however, not knowing the law is not an excuse for violations. The John B. Coleman Library is offering Copyright and Plagiarism presentations at the Northwest Houston Center and the main campus to help faculty answer some of the tricky copyright questions. To schedule a presentation for your class please call or email Elizabeth Jean Brumfield at 713-790-7282 or ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu.

**HBCU Library Alliance Faculty Support**

The HBCU Library Alliance with funding from the Mellon Foundation initiated a project to support universities that have research as their mission. PVAMU was selected as one of the target universities. The goal of the 18-month project is to assess and strengthen library services in support of faculty research.

Three PVAMU faculty and staff, Dr. Laurette Foster, Tracey Moore, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, were selected to be a part of the HBCU Library Alliance Faculty Advisor Committee. Working with faculty from 12 other universities and a statistician they were assigned the task to develop a survey to be administered to all faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The purpose of the library survey is to gather information to determine current services, capacity and needs regarding faculty research support.
HBCU Library Alliance Faculty Support (continued)

As an HBCU faculty member, you have a unique perspective on faculty research interests, plans, challenges, and needs at your institution. Therefore, the HBCU Library Alliance and its affiliated Faculty Library Advisory Committee would like to hear directly from you. We are confident your feedback will help to improve programs and services that support faculty research at your institution.

To complete the survey please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GS92TBH

Women’s History Month (continued)

While at PVAMU, Dr. Thomas-Smith has served in many capacities, most notably Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences and Director of the Honors Program, Head of the Department of English and Languages, Associate Provost and Director of Title III and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Since 2003 she has been Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. In her years at PVAMU, Dr. Thomas-Smith has been actively involved in the University’s accreditation processes, long-range planning, program development and master plan development. Her experience has enabled her to serve as a consultant to several independent school districts and universities.

With Dr. Kelvin Kirby, Associate Professor, College of Engineering, Dr. Thomas-Smith is responsible for a multi-million dollar National Science Foundation grant that supports high achievers in math, engineering, science, and technology who are expected to advance to doctoral and other advanced professional degrees. Additionally, she has been instrumental in acquiring external funding, over time, from Sperry-Hutchinson, the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, and the PVAMU Alumni.

Among Dr. Thomas-Smith’s honors and awards are membership in Sigma Tau Delta International Honor Society in English and Phi Delta Kappa, Education Honor Society; selection as distinguished alumnac of New Mexico Highlands University; and winner of the Circle Award, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Clear Lake Chapter. She is an alumna of the Governor’s Executive Development Program Class XI. Outstanding service awards have come to her from student organizations, churches, and other institutions. In 2008, she received the University’s Extend the View Award presented to her at the annual gala by President George C. Wright. She is also the Second Vice President of the Houston Chapter of the Links, Incorporated.

Dr. Thomas-Smith’s professional appointments include several terms as a member of the Certification Advisory Council of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), secretary of the editorial board of the Negro Educational Review, and the Computer-Assisted Composition Journal, appointment to the Work Group on the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA), the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the National Association of State Universities and land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) now known as the Association of Public and Land grant Colleges (APLU). Additionally, the Disaster Relief Corps in the United Methodist Church and Habitat for Humanity are annual beneficiaries of her community service. Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith is married to Rev. Sam I. Smith, Sr. and resides in Houston, Texas. She is retiring from PVAMU, August 2014.

The Northwest Houston Center would like to thank Dr. Thomas-Smith thank her for her dedication and commitment to the university and her continual support to faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Thomas Smith’s biography submitted from the Office for Academic Affairs.
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|                  | LAST DAY for Late Registration, Add Courses, Change Major/ Certification, or any Matriculation Change (First 5 and 10 week sessions) – Web Registration Closed |
| June 5, Thursday | Census Date (4th Class Day: (First 5 and 10 week sessions)           |
|                  | LAST DAY to Drop Course(s) without Academic Record (First 5 and 10 week sessions)  
|                  | Late Deadline to apply for Summer 2014 graduation                    |
| June 6, Friday   | Withdrawal from Course(s) with Academic record (“W”) Begins          |
|                  | First 5 and 10 week sessions                                         |
| June 20, Friday  | Title IV 60% of Term (First 5 week session)                           |
| June 20, Friday  | 15th Class Day                                                       |
| June 25, Wednesday| Withdrawal from Course(s) with Academic record (“W”) Ends (First 5 week session)  
| July 2, Wednesday| LAST DAY to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses) (First 5 week session)  
|                  | First Summer Term ENDS (First 5 week session)                         |
| July 3, Thursday | Final Examination (First 5 week session)                              |
|                  | Regular Registration (Second 5 week session)                         |
| July 4, Friday   | Independence Day (Observed-University Closed)                        |
| July 7, Monday   | Instruction, Late Registration, and Add/Drop Period Begins (Second 5 week session)  
|                  | Final Grades Due for First 5 week sessions                           |
|                  | LAST DAY for Late Registration, Add Courses, Change Major/Certification or any Matriculation Change (Second 5 week session) – Web Registration Closed |
| July 10, Thursday| Census Date (4th Class Day – Second 5 week session)                  |
|                  | LAST DAY to Drop Course(s) without Academic Record                   |
| July 11, Friday  | Withdrawal from Course(s) with Academic Record of (“W”) Begins       |
|                  | (Second 5 week session)                                              |
| July 14, Monday  | Title IV 60% of Term                                                 |
| July 25, Friday  | 5th Class Day – (Second 5 week session)                               |
| July 28, Monday  | Title IV 60% of Term                                                 |
| July 29, Tuesday | Withdrawal from Course(s) with Academic Record (“W”) Ends (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)  
| August 4, Monday | Second Summer Term Ends (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)               |
| August 5 – 6, Tuesday | Final Examination Period for All Students (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)  
| August 6, Wednesday| Final Grades due for Graduating Candidates                           |
| August 9, Saturday| Commencement                                                          |
| August 12, Tuesday | Final Grades Due for All Other Students                             |

**Save The Date**

*A Summer’s Eve Celebration*

*Honoring the Dedicated Service of Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith*

*Friday, September 5, 2014*

*6:00 pm Reception, 7:00 pm Banquet*

*Hilton Americas-Houston*

*1600 Lamar St., Houston, TX 77010*
## Scholarship Criteria & Application

### Undergraduate Scholarship Criteria
- Preference given to students with 2.75 cumulative G.P.A.
- Minimum of 60 transfer hours (upper division courses/degree completion)
- Admitted and enrolled in at least 6 hours at the NWHC for the long academic terms (i.e. Fall & Spring).
- US Citizen and Texas Resident

### Undergraduate Scholarship Continuation
- Must obtain/maintain a 2.75 G.P.A.
- Continuous enrollment (6hrs per long term)
- Serve as NWHC Ambassador

### Graduate Scholarship Criteria (EMBA Not Applicable)
- Earned Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited institution
- Preference given to students with 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.
  - Consideration given to students with 2.75 overall G.P.A. to meet graduate admission requirements with 3.0 G.P.A. or higher in upper division work (last 60 hrs.)
- Admitted and enrolled in at least 6 hours at the NWHC for the long academic terms (i.e. Fall & Spring).
- US Citizen and Texas Resident

### Graduate Scholarship Continuation
- Must obtain/maintain a 3.0 G.P.A.
- Continuous enrollment (6hrs per long term)
- Serve as NWHC Ambassador

## Important Scholarship Information
- Scholarships cover tuition and mandatory fees only at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- Scholarships are competitive and merit based
- Scholarships will be strategically awarded to support all degree programs at the NWHC
- Scholarships are limited to students seeking 1st Master’s Degree at PVAMU
- Scholarship recipients must seek and gain admission (www.applytexas.org) to their program of choice.

## Scholarship Application Deadlines
- June 1 – Fall Term
- October 1 – Spring Term
- March 1 – Summer Term
- If funds are available

## Submission and Contact Information
- Mailing Address: 9449 Grant Road, Houston, TX 77070
- Phone and Fax: 713.790.7270 (main), 713.790.7295 (fax)
- Web Address: o www.pvamu.edu/northwest

## Financial Aid Apps

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