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Dean's Corner



Season's Greetings from the NWHC of Prairie View A&M University.

As the fall 2014 semester comes to an end, it is time to take stock.

We had an exciting semester serving nearly 750 students at the NWHC.

Although most of the students are taking graduate courses in the seven programs we host on this campus, increasingly we see undergraduate students attending the campus. There are five degree completion (2+2) programs we offer at the NWHC – Accounting,

Management, Sociology, Mass Communications, Nursing.

We hosted a number of social events – including a week long festivities related to Homecoming.

As we approach the December graduation, we know that nearly 60 students who took classes on this campus will be completing their program and graduating.

This includes the 5 students in the Executive MBA or EMBA program offered on this campus on Saturdays – this two year program is for junior executives interested in moving up to the corporate ladder.

We recently hosted a dinner reception for this group – a moving occasion. This is part of the first cohort of graduating students from this (first) executive program on the campus.

Another unique program hosted for the first time was a “welcome mixer” for the graduate business students. Nearly 25 students and faculty took advantage of the evening program to hear their program directors and the dean speak.

We forward to the exciting possibilities in the coming year.

Happy New Year!

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The Big Picture

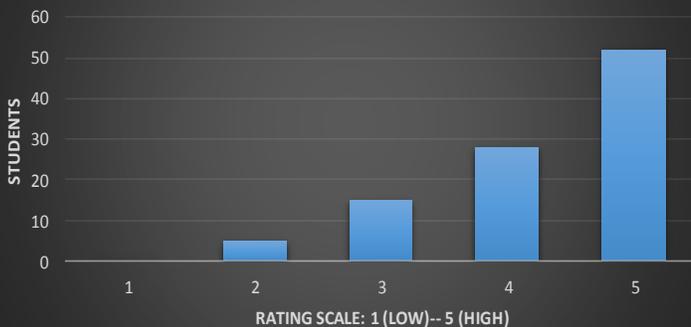
Accreditation

Prairie View A&M University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a comprehensive public institution of higher education authorized to award Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees, and is a member of the Texas A&M University System.

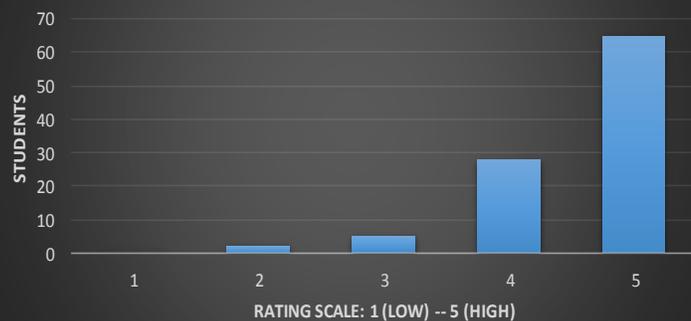
Northwest Houston Center Programs Offered:

- Bachelor of Science - RN to BSN
- Bachelor of Arts - Communication
- Bachelor of B.A. - Management
- Bachelor of B.A. - Accounting
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Master of Education – Educational Administration
- Master of Arts – Counseling
- Master of Science – Accounting
- Master of Business Administration - MBA
- Master of Science – Nursing Administration
- Master of Science – Nursing Education
- Master of Community Development

Satisfaction Rate Customer Services



Satisfaction Rate Classroom Instruction



Taken from the 2012 Northwest Houston Center Satisfaction Survey

Northwest Houston Center Team



Dr. Rick Baldwin, Associate Director, Northwest Houston Center
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Dr. Baldwin is associate professor in the Prairie View A&M University Department of Management and Marketing. Dr. Baldwin's undergraduate teaching course load includes Principles of Management, Small Business Management, Retail Management and the recently developed Sports, Entertainment and Event Marketing course. Baldwin also teaches a graduate course in entrepreneurship which culminates with the winning team participating at the OFC Innovation & Entrepreneurship Business Plan Competition, a program that provides entrepreneurial opportunities and experiences to students, and helps them to look at the big picture and apply all of their conceptual & theoretical knowledge. Dr. Baldwin has more than twenty years of professional experience in the telecommunications industry. More recently, he served as a business development consultant helping communities and small businesses. During his tenure at Prairie View A&M University, he has been a faculty member in the College of Business, and served for six years as the Director of the Community and Economic Development Graduate Program in the PVAMU School of Architecture.

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Cynthia Williams comes to the Northwest Houston Center from Texas A&M, College Station. She oversees the administrative functions of the NWHC office policies and procedures. In addition to her PVAMU career, Ms. Williams is also an accomplished musician, known for her rhythmic serenades as a solo singer in a jazz band.



Valerie Mendoza Milan, Customer Service Coordinator
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Valerie Mendoza Milan is the point of contact for initial customer services request, space utilizations, faculty and student comments and concerns. Ms Mendoza has a long history with PVAMU and is the historian for the team. Ms. Mendoza is the only remaining original staff that ventured out into Houston when PVAMU decided to offer classes in the northwest corridor.

Ms. Mendoza is proud of her cultural roots, coming from Trinidad the land of the Steel Drum, Carnival, Calypso and Soca. Ms. Mendoza is also a breast cancer survivor and volunteers encouragement to others who may have similar life altering situations. What students and faculty appreciate the most about Ms. Mendoza is her perseverance and persistence when it comes to solving problems and getting answers.



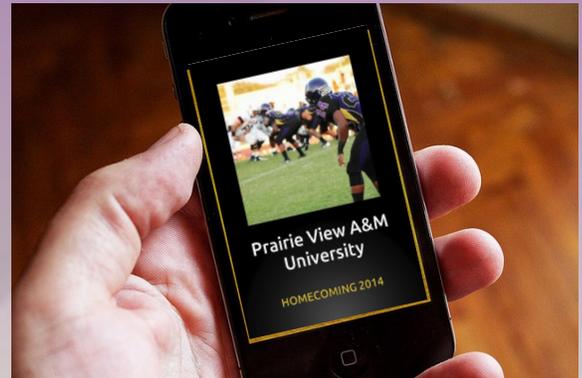
Tiffany Allen, Information Resource Specialist
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Ms. Allen is a helpful student resource for scholarship information, classes to take, deadlines for applications and most of the information a student will need before enrollment and after. She is on the front lines of recruiting new students and represents the university in social interactions outside of the campus. Ms. Allen is energetic and resourceful and serves as an valuable advocate of the Northwest Houston Center and PVAMU as a whole.

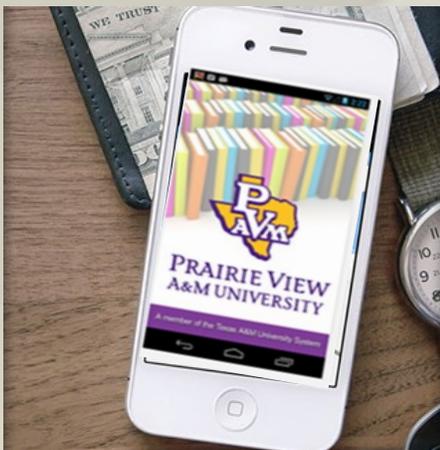
NWHC to offer Mobile App Workshops

Mobile development has become one of the biggest growth sectors of web development in the last five years. As the use of smartphones and tablets increase so does the need to offer information in those formats that make surfing the Internet quick and easy.

The Northwest Houston Center in collaboration with the Coleman Library, will began a series of workshops with students to develop personal mobile apps. Under the direction of Associate Professor, Dr. Rick Baldwin, students in the Sports, Entertainment and Event Planning classes will launch the pilot program.



Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, the Distance Services Librarian for the Coleman Library will instruct students on basic mobile web app definitions, design and development. Ms. Brumfield is Chair of the Mobile Application Services Committee for the Coleman Library and assisted in the development of two mobile apps, the Coleman Library mobile app available on iTunes and Google Play and Library TV (rated 4+ out of 5 on iTunes). Brumfield is the creator of three other apps: Coleman Library Tour, PVAMU Coeds web app, and the PVAMU Homecoming app. The goal of the workshops are to engage students and faculty in mobile technology and to provide instruction to assist students in developing personal marketing tools they can use for class assignments and future job interviews.



“Mobile devices, such as smartphones, are vastly gaining popularity (Johnson, Levine, Smith & Stone, 2010) because of their relatively strong computing capability built into small sizes, their Internet connectivity and the availability of various types and easy-to-use mobile software applications ("mobile apps"). It is estimated that by 2015, 80% of people accessing the Internet will do it through cell phones (Johnson, Smith, Willis, Levine & Haywood, 2011). Mobile technologies are now gaining increased attention and popularity across education sectors, which have led to innovation in mobile app design (Johnson et al, 2010).”

Hsu, Yu-Chang, British Journal of Educational Technology, 00071013, Jan2012, Vol. 43, Issue 1

Mobile Application Definitions:

Mobile app: is a software application developed specifically for use on small, wireless computing devices, such as smartphones and tablets, rather than desktop or laptop computers.

Mobile web: Website created specifically for mobile devices – accessible through mobile browsers, no download or installation required

Native app: An executable program coded in the machine language of the hardware platform it is running in. A native application has been compiled into the machine language of that CPU.

NWHC HOMECOMING



Hispanic Heritage Lecture

PVAMU Productive Poets "Triple P"



Authors and Artists



Great Food and Fellowship



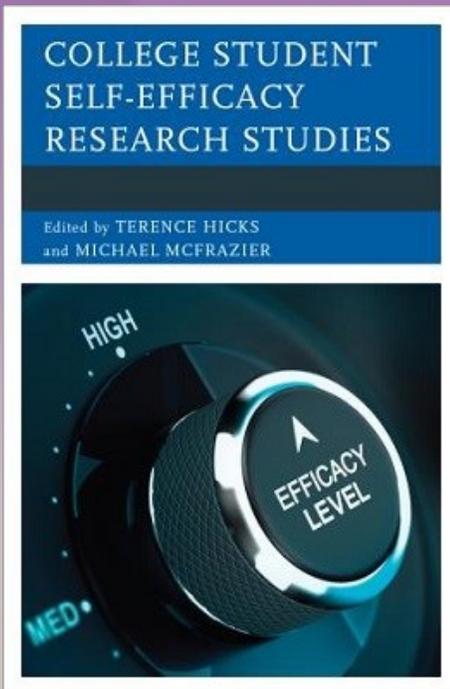
Special thanks to Misha Granado, author of B.L.O.O.M., artist Patricia Aya for displayed artwork, De Soto's Cantina and Los Cucos restaurants, Luz Alanis Soto & Amaparo Navarette, all the vendors, students, staff and faculty.

Thanks to all who contributed to the festive activities at the 5th PVAMU Northwest Houston Center Homecoming events.

We hope to see you again next year.

Photos courtesy of Lewebster Lacy, Web Content Specialist





College Student Self-Efficacy Research Studies by Terence Hicks and Michael McFrazier

College Student Self-Efficacy Research Studies offers three uniquely designed sections that provide a mixture of research studies conducted on African American, Mexican American, and first-generation college students. This book explores a variety of factors affecting a diverse group of college students including institutional commitment, college adjustment, and social and academic self-efficacy barriers.

Drs. Hicks and McFrazier's book received a glowing review from Dr. Fred Bonner, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Chair of Education at Rutgers University. Dr. Bonner highlights the significant contribution the book will have on a national level. "What Hicks and McFrazier offer in this critically important time not only adds to the empirical research literature on self-efficacy among Black college student cohorts, but also situates the relevance of efficacious behaviors for these cohorts in a diverse array of higher education contexts. The cutting-edge scholarship in this book is certain to spark discourse on this topic for many years to come," shared Bonner.

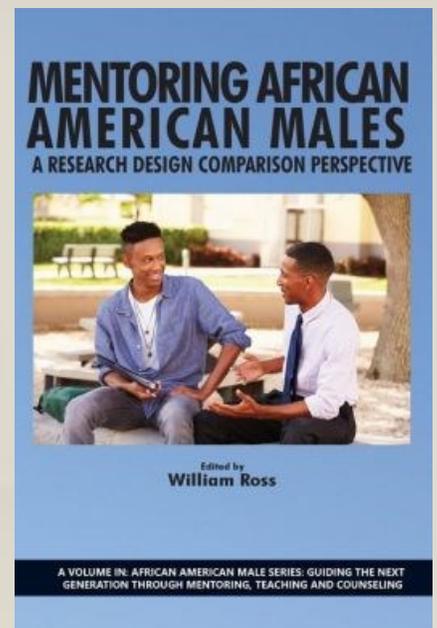
NEW BOOKS—FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Mentoring African American Males: a Research Design Comparison Perspective by William Ross

The first of a three part series addressing critical issues in educating African American males. new series will play a major role in contributing to the scholarly discussion around the education of African American males. The book's opening descriptor highlights its value, "Mentoring African American Males provides important black male research and student performance data to guide the efforts of those who accept the enormous task of standing in the gap to increase black male achievement".

Dr. Ross provides guidance for individuals and institutions embracing the important role of developing mentoring programs or serving as a mentor to youth. However, what makes Dr. Ross' work such a critically important book for any individual or institution considering such a role is its insight into the social-cultural framework within which mentoring must occur at every level from elementary school through college. Equally insightful is the structure that such programs must take in response to the socio-cultural constructs of the families, communities, and institutions where they will occur.

There are far more quantitative studies than qualitative on the topic of mentoring. This text addresses that discrepancy and provides the results of several qualitative studies on African American males. There is hardly any that offer a mixed method perspective that combine quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches. This text reports on the research results that are qualitative in nature in addition to some that are from a quantitative and mixed method approach.



Northwest Houston Center Team (continued)



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Mrs. Booker assist the Student Computing Center's clients in utilizing the available information technology resources. Just about every student knows Corliss Booker as a helpful-go-to-person when it comes to trouble shooting computer problems. Corliss was one of the original staff from the Stuebner Airline location the NWHC occupied prior to Prairie View A&M University's purchase of the Grant Road building. She has over 12 years with Prairie View coming from a business background at Shell Oil.

Corliss is active in her church and other spiritual activities. She likes to travel and meet people from all over the world. Her giving spirit is seen in her interactions with students, faculty and staff especially when it comes to the social events held at the NWHC. Corliss has been the Chili Cook for many of the NWHC Homecoming events and is also known for her spaghetti.

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Ms. Brumfield is the designated librarian for the Northwest Houston Center as well as for many doctoral programs and students who take online classes at the main campus. Her interest include emerging technologies, cultural diversity, travel and food. She is the creator of several mobile apps and online games and holds degrees in Information Science, Library Science, Communication, and Legal Studies. Prior to PVAMU she worked in career counseling, grant writing for the Foundation Center and as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Science. Brumfield is active in a variety of organizations including: American Library Association, Ethnic & Multicultural Exchange Round Table, and the Black Caucus of the ALA.



Ms. Brumfield is published in the Journal of Library and Information Service for Distance Learning, Journal of Library Administration and Management, Journal of Librarianship and Information Science, Journal of the American Society for Information Technology, EMERT Multicultural Review, and a future article on mobile apps will be featured in Library Hi-Tech News. She is also the author of 2 books related to African American history, "An Ordinary Man: Black Power in Overalls" and "Foods that Shake the Soul". Her goal as editor of the NWHC newsletter is to provide information to students, staff, faculty and the community who are not familiar with the activities and resources available to them at the off campus site.

Did You Know?

The Northwest Houston Center recruits Productive people as Productive students!!!



Sharvon Pipkin. Resource Development Coordinator - Texas Center for Grants Development at Harris County Department of Education is a PVAMU—NWHC student soon to graduate and become a NWHC Alumni Ambassador.

Sharvon promotes TCGD's grant-related services, assists schools, nonprofit, faith-based and community organizations by diversifying their funding streams through a variety of grant writing and development-related services. Sharvon has secured more than \$45 million in funding from public and private sources for Houston area nonprofits.

She has over nine years of experience working with nonprofits from identifying funding sources to grant writing for various projects and programs focused on: * Rehabilitation * Educational/vocational training, * Affordable Housing, * Health and well-being, and * Community Service of and for Individuals.

Did You Know?

The Northwest Houston Center hires Productive students !!!



Fanisia Bundage, 22, is a junior at PVAMU studying Communication with a minor in Marketing. She's very active around campus as well as in her community. Fanisia currently represents the PVAMU Baptist Student Movement as Miss BSM 2014-2015. Ms Bundage is the acting Social Media Coordinator for Panther United Community Service Organization housed in the College of Agricultural and Human Sciences (CAHS), she is also a former member of the PVAMU Black Fox Majorette Line.

Currently Ms. Bundage is working as a student worker for the Northwest Houston Center under the direction of the Assistant to the Dean, Cynthia Williams. As part of her responsibility she serve as the Student Liaison for the Northwest Houston Center newsletter. She will provide a link between the undergraduate activities on the main campus and the activities at the NWHC. "We look forward to sharing undergraduate and graduate ideas and information ." Ms. Bundage hobbies are dancing, singing, and cooking.



Phuctritam Nguyen., 25, is an electrical engineering student at PVAMU.

Ms. Nguyen transferred from Houston Community College with an Associate in Science degree as a sophomore student. She likes working with people and wanted to be a nurse but changed because she hates needles. She chose to attend Prairie View A&M University because it is the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas and also because she thinks it is the place to pursue an electrical engineering degree with it's reputation as one the best university engineering programs. She says " I plan to graduate from Prairie View A&M University with a bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering and establish my career as an employee of NASA. Ten years from now, I see myself as a successful engineer and starting my own restaurant ."

Ms. Nguyen works the front desk and regularly interacts with students and community visitors. "She is the first friendly face when you enter the building and help set the tone for a relaxed, engaging visit to the center."



**Graduating
2014**



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NORTHWEST HOUSTON CENTER



**STUDENTS FACULTY ALUMNI
STAFF COMMUNITY VISITORS**



**YOUR
FUTURE
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HERE!!!**



**Northwest Houston Center
Information Resource Specialist**





Architecture



Assistant Professor
College of Nursing



College of Nursing

**Congratulations to the
Prairie View A&M University,
Northwest Houston Center
Scholarship Awardees:**

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Alvarado, Nicole
Anderson, Racheal Samantha
Anderson-Jefferson, Jasmine Etoile
Ayers, Felicia Bernice
Bennett, Ashleigh S
Bennett, Daisha
Bowers, Lashia
Branch, Bonita A
Brown, Jarrick Vernard
Brown-Butler, Nicho
Burns, Jessica Latrese
Canales, Jacqueline Sylvia
Catley, Lakeisha N
Chambers, Kristen Deann
Cofield, Mary Alice
Cole, Latasha M
Coleman, Billy Ray
Coleman, Dannie D.
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Crawford, Marva Lulleita
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Green, Krysten Michelle
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NWHC COMMUNITY SUPPORT



At PVAMU we strongly believe in partnering with local businesses within the community that provide learning and career opportunities for our students. The Northwest Houston Center, with over 52,000 square feet of classroom and meeting space, assisted the ISO 9001 Group in their educational activities by providing space for training. As classes at our Northwest Houston Center start at 5:30pm, the center is perfect for use to local businesses during traditional business hours of 8am - 5pm.

The ISO 9001 Group, based in The Woodlands, has been in business since 2010, providing consulting, auditing and training to corporations such as Transocean, Hewlett Packard and Cameron to name a few. The company provides services to organizations in the oil and gas and manufacturing industries in the area of ISO 9001 quality management system

standards. ISO 9001 is a global standard that ensures quality of an organization's products and services. Management system standards provide organizations with a competitive advantage and provides overall structure to drive continual improvement and reduce business risks. Since 2010, The ISO 9001 Group has trained over 500 professionals looking to lead improvement efforts within their companies. The company offers public courses throughout the calendar year and is looking to grow its training efforts through partnering with PVAMU.

Mr. Oscar Combs, President of The ISO 9001 Group recently entered into conversations with PVAMU regarding exclusively hosting the company's public training courses at the Northwest Houston Center campus. "Our company is looking forward to the growth opportunities that the Northwest Houston Center offers for our company", say Mr. Combs. "We also look forward to the opportunities the partnership offers the university and its students. We often have major corporations attend our courses, which I believe can provide increased awareness for the university and career opportunities for students. As quality is a major part of business and engineering disciplines, we also look forward to possibly providing training to students as they prepare for their careers. The facilities and friendly courteous staff at this campus provides the perfect environment for our professional and experienced customer base. Until this partnership, we have grown our training through renting various venues in the Northwest Houston area, but PVAMU's Northwest Houston Center provides a permanent location with the capacity to meet our growing needs. "

The ISO 9001 Group recently conducted its first course at PVAMU's Northwest Houston Center over (3) days on 11/19 - 11/21. The course, titled The New Quality Manager, focused on providing practical training for employees that have been recently promoted to the position of Quality Managers within their organizations. According to the end of course evaluation, attendees of the course had a great experience at the facility. We are excited that The ISO 9001 Group has elected to partner with PVAMU for their public events and we look forward to supporting their growth and creating learning and career opportunities for panther students. PVAMU + Local Business = Panther Success!

For more information please refer to the IOS 9001 website: <http://www.iso9001group.com/index.html> or contact Mr. Oscar Combs: ocombs@iso9001group.com.



NWHC COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Inglés Individual is a local ESL organization based in Houston that provides language education to students in Mexico. The Northwest Houston Center served as a temporary host to the program when the primary location was undergoing repairs.

Spanish

Inglés Individual es una franquicia fundada el 12 de Noviembre de 1985, que tiene por objetivo formar personas bilingües, contando actualmente con 85 centros en la República Mexicana y con Sede Internacional en Houston, Texas.

Inglés Individual es la franquicia pionera en la aplicación del Sistema Natural del Aprendizaje (SNA), para tener el dominio del Inglés de una manera fácil y sencilla.

Somos la única franquicia de Inglés que te ofrece:
Horarios flexibles.

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Maestros altamente capacitados.

Diplomado en Houston, Texas, EU.

Garantía por escrito.

Graduaciones en Inglés.

Membrecía Vitalicia para practicar de por vida tu inglés.

La posibilidad de estudiar en otros planteles de la República Mexicana.

Acceso ilimitado a la Sala de Cómputo.

Acceso a la sala multimedia para prácticas de conversación y películas.

El Diplomado a Houston, Texas, permite practicar durante una semana en nuestro Centro Internacional de Estudios ubicado en los Estados Unidos.

Para obtener más información acerca de Inglés Individual consulte su página web:

<http://inglesindividualags.com/Pages/QuienesSomos.aspx>

English

Individual English is a franchise founded on November 12, 1985, which aims to train bilingual and currently has 85 centers in Mexico and International Headquarters in Houston, Texas.

Individual English is the franchise pioneered the application of the Natural Learning System (SNA) to have mastery of English in an easy and simple way.

We are the only franchise that offers English:

Flexible hours.

Individual Progress at your own pace.

Learning method 100% PRACTICAL.

Highly qualified teachers.

Diploma in Houston, Texas, USA.

Written guarantee.

Graduations in English.

Lifetime Membership for life to practice your English.

The possibility of studying in other schools in Mexico.

Unlimited access to the Computer Room.

Access to the multimedia room for conversation practice and movies.

The Diploma in Houston, Texas, provides practice for a week in our International Study Center located in the United States.

For more information about Inglés Individual please refer to their website:

<http://inglesindividualags.com/Pages/QuienesSomos.aspx>

Future Events—Black History Month



Save the Date!!

February 23, 2015

6:00 pm

The Northwest Houston Center will host a special Black History presentation, February 23, 2015, 6:00 pm. Dr Ivory Toldson, Deputy Director, for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities will be the guest speaker.

Prior to this role, Dr. Toldson served as an associate professor at Howard University, senior research analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and editor-in-chief of The Journal of Negro Education. He was also contributing education editor for The Root, where he debunked some of the most pervasive myths about African-Americans in his Show Me the Numbers column.

Dr. Toldson has more than 60 publications, including 4 books, and more than 150 research presentations in 36 US states, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Scotland, South Africa, Paris, and Barcelona. He has been featured on MSNBC, C-SPAN2 Books, NPR News, POTUS on XM Satellite Radio, and numerous local radio stations. His research has been featured in The Washington

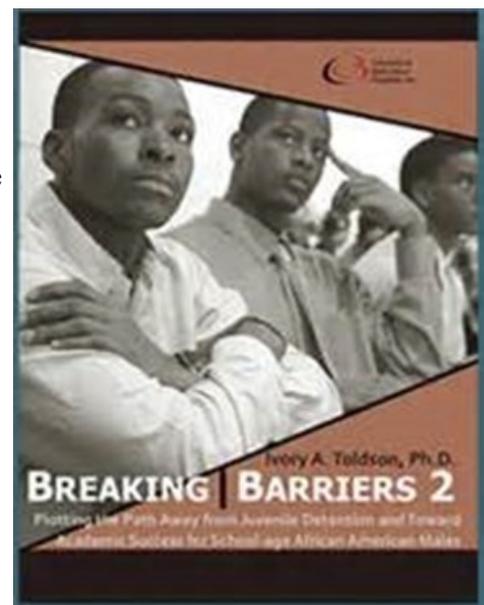
Post, The New York Times, The Root, The National Journal, Essence Magazine, and Ebony Magazine.

Dubbed a leader "who could conceivably navigate the path to the White House" by the Washington Post, one of "30 leaders in the fight for Black men," by Newsweek Magazine, and the "Problem Solver" by Diverse: Issues In Higher Education, Dr. Toldson, according to U.S. Secretary Arne Duncan, is "a prolific young scholar and myth buster." According to Capstone Magazine, "Toldson has spent a lot of time traveling across the country talking with teachers about misleading media statistics that invariably either link Black males to crime or question their ability to learn." Dr. Toldson was named in the 2013 The Root 100, an annual ranking of the most influential African-American leaders.

After completing coursework for a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Temple University, Dr. Toldson became a correctional and forensic psychology resident at the United States Penitentiary. There, he completed his dissertation on Black Men in the Criminal Justice System. Upon completion, Dr. Toldson joined the faculty of Southern University and became the fourth recipient of the prestigious DuBois Fellowship from the US Department of Justice. He also served as the clinical director of the Manhood Training Village. He has received formal training in applied statistics from the University of Michigan, and held visiting research and teacher appointments at Emory, Drexel, and Morehouse School of Medicine.

An additional presentation is scheduled for Feb. 23rd, 2:00 pm, Coleman Library, Room 108.

Dr. Toldson biography retrieved from: <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/whhbcu/files/2014/06/Toldson-Bio-new.pdf>



Future Events-Women's History Month



Clora Bryant, Prairie View Co-ed

The Prairie View Co-Eds Database Launch March 26, 2014

The Prairie View Co-eds were an all female band that formed in the 1940s at Prairie View A&M University. The band formed in response to a large number of males being drafted into the armed forces leaving more entertainment spots open for female bands. The Prairie View Co-eds' success spread past the limits of their college campus. After its first year of popularity, The Prairie View Co-eds began to make a name for themselves. Through word of mouth, the tale of a skilled collegiate all girl band spread, and soon talented musicians were actively coming to Prairie View College in order to join the Co-eds. This girl group was championed by the Black Press as symbols of successful, educated African American women who seemed to be representative of a patriotic spirit. The Prairie View Co-eds were even able to perform at USO shows.

During Women's History month the Coleman library will pay tribute to these remarkable women with a launch of a fully searchable database. The database will provide access to documents, videos, and recordings researched and archives through the Archives and Special Collection Department Librarians, Phyllis Earles and Lisa Stafford, the Distance Services Librarian, and student workers will be involved in the creation of the database.

Women's History Month, guest speaker Linda Crichlow White March 10, 2014, 6:00 pm

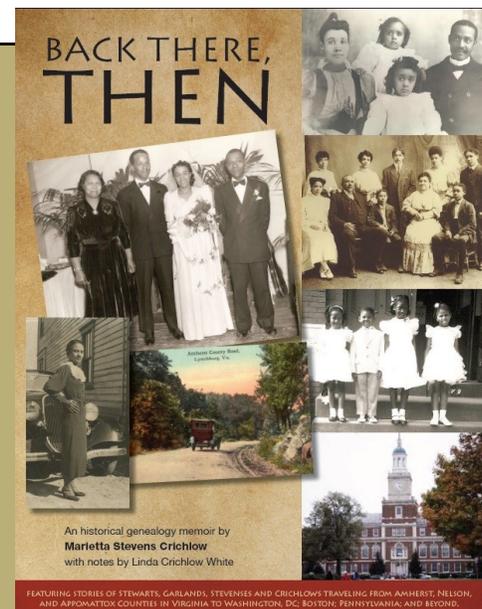
BACK THERE, THEN was written by Marietta Crichlow, mother of Linda Crichlow, in the 1990s and discovered by Linda in the 1999 when looking through Marietta's photos and family memorabilia for photos to include in a Powerpoint presentation for Mom's 90th birthday.

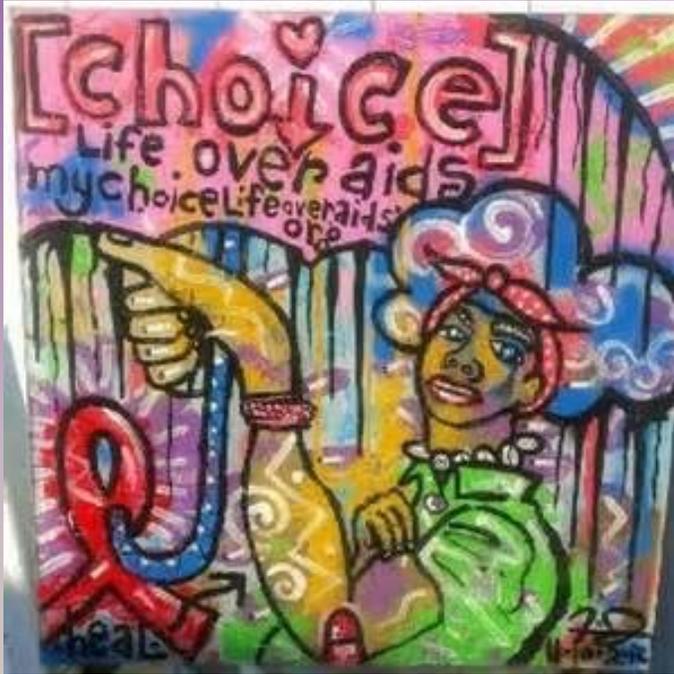
Linda thought it would be a valuable addition to the family archives to prepare these things in a publishable book for all to share. Whenever Mom told stories about the past, she would begin with "Back there, then..." Thus evolved the book.

"Rarely, has the unique voice of an average life successfully lived been documented. In the case of Marietta Crichlow, such a life continues to live on in the pages of her meticulous notes. Her daughter, Linda Crichlow White, has painstakingly linked the past with the present in a spectacular fashion. Written in the first person, Mrs. Crichlow's story follows her family from places such as Appomattox Lynchburg, Virginia; to Duquesne, Pennsylvania; Washington, Boston, and beyond. Howard University figures prominently in this book."

Crichlow and her family are descended from people who were enslaved by Wilmer McLean in Manassas, Va. (Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant in 1865 in McLean's home. Her relatives were there.)

An additional presentation is scheduled for March 9th, 2:00 pm, Coleman Library, Room 108.



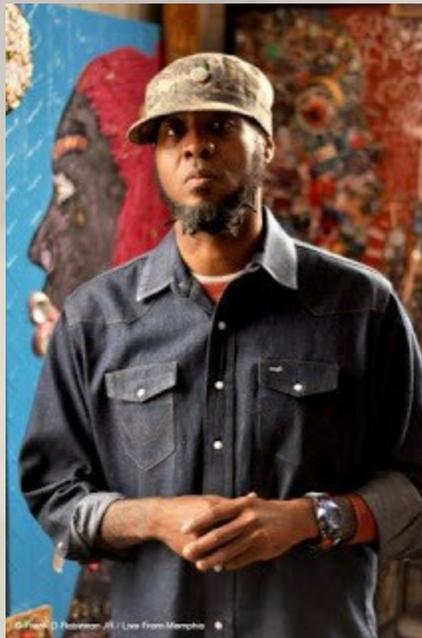


**Prairie View A&M
University
Coleman Library
host nationally
respected artist,
Frank D. Robinson
February 3rd
to
March 23rd
4th Floor Art Gallery**

The Prairie View A&M University's first official art gallery seeks to expand an understanding of the diverse range of aesthetic and human experiences articulated by artists of color and exceptional visionaries.

Since 2004 the Art Gallery has assumed the responsibility of enriching the Prairie View community with academic and cultural advancement through collections, exhibitions and programming. The gallery functions as the university's porthole to artists that might otherwise not be accessible to students, faculty and staff. As a university with a history of promoting and progressing scholarship in all fields, art included, the Coleman Library takes pride in having an opportunity to display works of diverse artist, nationally known and local new novice.

The NWHC supports the art gallery and would also like to have a viewing of some of the artwork in our lobby. Please check back in February.



**Frank D. Robinson
BFA, MFA
"Green Artist"**

"Frank D. Robinson may have a BFA from the University of Memphis and an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, but it was while working at a charter school that he truly found his artistic calling. After noticing garbage in the school's parking lot each morning he became a self-described "recyclist," or green artist. Now he collects trash throughout his hometown and turns it into art with a social message. <http://thegrio.com/2014/01/03/40-amazing-black-artists-to-watch-in-2014/#s:frank-d-robinson>".



Workplace Bullying



Dr. Jacquelyn White, Program Specialist with the Cooperative Extension Department presented a session of the Total Wellness Series. Her session entitled **Workplace Bullying** provided information on how to recognize bullying as well as how to prevent and report incidents of this kind of abuse.

Dr. White provided recent statistics that indicate bullying is not only a mental and health problem it is also an economic problem. Millions of dollars each year are spent on health care cost, absenteeism, litigation and counseling because of bullying and its effects. Cyberbullying by email has been shown to be one of the ways employees can be bullied as well as through social media and Instagram.

“There are many definitions of bullying. One definition includes the "repeated, unreasonable actions of individuals (or a group) directed towards an employee (or a group of employees), which are intended to intimidate, degrade, humiliate, or undermine; or which create a risk to the health or safety of the employee(s)" (Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. Safety and Health Assessment and Research for Prevention (SHARP) Program, 2011, p. 1).

Bullying includes the perception that the bully is superior to the other person in either social or physical power, and demonstrates behaviors that are unacceptable and disruptive (Longo, 2012). These acts can result in lost work time due to physical illness or injury, psychological trauma, decreased productivity, and behavioral changes.”

Longton, Sharon. Bullying and Workplace Violence. *Nephrology Nursing Journal*. May/June 2014, Vol. 41 Issue 3, p243-244. 2p.

The responsibility for achieving The Texas A&M University System mission of teaching, research and outreach carries with it the duty to adhere to the highest ethical standards and principles. In recognizing our obligation to our students, employees, and other stakeholders to maintain these ethical principles and standards, the A&M System has established the Risk, Fraud and Misconduct Hotline. The hotline is a telephone and web-based reporting system that provides a way to anonymously report instances of suspected fraud, waste and abuse.

For more information go to the website: <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/19681/index.html>



Academic Calendar Spring 2015

Jan 2015

15
Regular Registration for Returning Students

Jan 2015

16
New Student Orientation

Jan 2015

17
Regular Registration for Graduate Students

Jan 2015

19
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University Closed)

Jan 2015

20
Instruction Begins
Late Registration and Drop/Add Begins

Jan 2015

29
General Student Assembly-All Students Attend
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Feb 2015

04
12th Class Day (Census Date)

Feb 2015

04
Last Day to Withdraw from Course(s) without Academic Record
Late Deadline to Apply for Spring 2015 Graduation

Feb 2015

05
Withdrawal from Course(s) with Academic Record ("W") Begins

Mar 2015

12
Mid-Semester Examination Period
12:00 am - 12:00 am
Thursday through Saturday

Mar 2015

16
Spring Break
Monday through Saturday

Mar 2015

20
Spring Break (University Closed)

Mar 2015

23
Instruction Resumes

Mar 2015

24
Mid-Semester Grades Due

Mar 2015

25
Founders Day/ Honors Convocation

Apr 2015

03
Good Friday/Easter (Student Holiday)
Friday through Saturday

Apr 2015

06
Withdrawal from Course(s) with Academic Record ("W") Ends

Apr 2015

14
Priority Registration Begins for Summer/Fall 2015

Apr 2015

17
Graduation Application Deadline for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015

May 2015

04
Course Review Day [Classes must convene and instructors will prepare students for Final Exams]

May 2015

05
Last Class Day for Spring 2015 Semester
Last Day to Withdraw from the University (from All Courses) for the Spring 2015 semester

May 2015

06
Final Examination Period
Wednesday through Tuesday

May 2015

12
Final Grades Due for Graduating Candidates

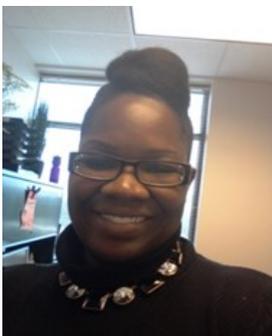
May 2015

16
Commencement

May 2015

19
Final Grades Due for All Other Students

Northwest Houston Center Team (continued)



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Charity Vesey is a dynamic young professional with 14 years of higher education experience. Her expertise is in the field of student retention, recruitment, student development programming and scholarship coordination. She has served in higher education as an Academic Planning Counselor, Multicultural Coordinator, and Senior University Recruiter. She currently holds the position of Associate Director for the Executive MBA program at Prairie View A&M University within the College of Business. Charity Vesey hails from

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Charity is passionate about education and serving others within the community. She believes that education plays a significant role in the success of a community and in the lives of community members. She strives to ensure that all have the opportunity and knowledge to gain access to higher education. She presents seminars and workshops on a variety of higher education topics ranging from how to gain access to college, recruitment strategies, and program building. She has served as a mentor for young women as part of a minority health project. She has also served as a foster parent for children within the CPS system. The Center for Diversity and Enrichment at the University of Iowa has recognized her for outstanding leadership and initiative, team work, and dedication to student service.

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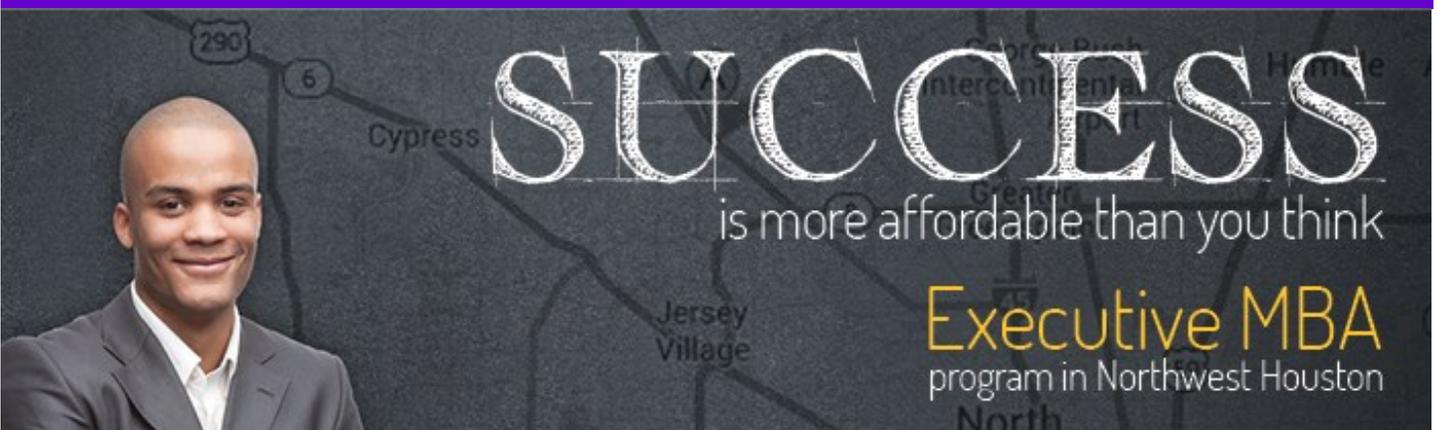
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