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DEAN'S CORNER



The Northwest Houston Center celebrated its five year anniversary in fall 2015. Over this period, the Center has made great strides towards attaining its goals as an extension of the main campus that serves the million plus population of Northwest Houston with high quality accredited programs. We welcome you to visit us to explore the many services offered by the Center to our students, faculty, staff and the general community. The NWHC plays a critical role in enabling PVAMU to serve the community's higher education needs with excellent degree and non-degree programs.

For the most current information on programs and activities, visit: <http://www.pvamu.edu/northwest/>

- More than 850 students are taking one or more classes at the NWHC. Ninety percent of students are in graduate programs. As many as 100 students have graduated from the Center in the last five years.
- Presently the Center hosts graduate and undergraduate programs offered by the Colleges of Education, Business, Nursing, Architecture, and Arts and Science.
- Degree completion (2+2) programs are offered in Management, Accounting, Sociology (is being phased out), Nursing and Construction Science.
- All graduate programs in the COB, which include the MBA, MSA and the Executive MBA, are offered at the NWHC.
- The NWHC offers a nice facility for PVAMU departments to hold their retreats and meetings. The NWHC staff actively recruit students from the area community colleges, and represent the campus with the Chambers of Commerce and other bodies. The facility also periodically hosts "open house" and "transfer days" for campus enrollment management. All colleges participate in these programs.
- The NWHC has special scholarships (graduate and undergraduate) designed for increasing enrollment by attracting new students.
- Student services include library, computer labs for instruction, financial aid counseling (weekly), bookstore, fitness room, banking, hot food (in process), copying, classrooms with TTVN technology, student study space, etc.
- The Center hosts the only executive degree program on campus. The Executive MBA (EMBA) program offers an accredited, highly structured, cohort based, academically intensive program for young professionals who are employed full time, and aspire to take on leadership positions in business and industry. The courses are offered in a hybrid format on Saturdays, allowing the junior executives to take courses on alternate Saturdays. A ten-day field trip to China, textbooks and meals on class days are included in the tuition. The program has graduated nearly 25 students, some of whom work in Fortune 500 companies in Houston, and adjacent cities.
- The NWHC is open to non-profit organizations for meeting facilities free of cost.
- The facility offers meeting space to companies and corporations on a low cost basis.
- Each year, the NWHC attracts thousands of voters as it serves as one of the Early Voting sites for Harris County.
- Following the vision to develop the Center as a "micro-center" for adult education, a number of prominent non-credit programs are now being offered by partners and vendors. These include Becker CPA review, Six Sigma Greenbelt Certification, Project Management Professional (PMP®) Prep Bootcamp, Princeton SAT review, etc.

Dr. Munir Quddus, Dean and Associate Provost, NWHC

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The last 14 years at Prairie View A&M University - Northwest Houston Center have been wonderful.

However, after much prayer and consideration, I have decided that it is time for me to resign. I am looking forward to re-evaluating the rest of my life and taking time to relax. However, most importantly, I look forward to spending time with family and friends.

Corliss Booker

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Northwest Houston Center Non-credit Programs

The Northwest Houston Center is currently hosting a number of non-credit programs to contribute to the professional development of PVAMU students, alumni, staff, and guests. These programs typically provide scholarships and discounted program fees for our students/staff. Most classes are offered on Saturdays.

Becker CPA Review course is provided by Becker Professional Education. With more than 400,000 successful alumni to date from their national programs, Becker has been a leader in CPA review for more than fifty years. Our students and alumni are eligible to receive full and partial scholarships, discounted tuition, student ambassadorships (with full scholarships) and payment plans. The Becker class schedule at NWHC can be found at: www.Becker.com/schedules

The Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt Certification program is provided by the Bulsard Group. The program is designed to train the participants as experts in diagnostics and reduction in total cost of ownership. Participants learn the methodology and a holistic core of tools needed to identify, prioritize and solve business problems within the functional and departmental boundaries from an enterprise perspective. The program instructor is Ms. Latoya Bullard-Franklin, MPM, Master Blackbelt.

The Project Management Professional (PMP®) Exam Prep Bootcamp is provided by the L'Renee & Associates. The PMP® is the most important industry-recognized certification for project managers. This certification is recognized globally and PMPs speak and understand the global language of project management and are connected to a community of professionals, organizations and experts worldwide. The program instructor is Ms. LaToshia Norwood, PMP, Managing Partner of the L'Renee & Associates (www.lreneellc.com).

We will host an info session on non-credit programs at the NWHC on June 11th (Saturday) at 3:15 pm - 5:15 pm.

Information will be shared about three programs - **Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt Certification, PMP Exam Prep Bootcamp, and ISO9001 Certification.** If you are interested in attending the info session or would like to know more about these programs, please contact Dr. Rahim Quazi, Associate Director, NWHC (rmquazi@pvamu.edu).

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Northwest Houston Center First Pinning Ceremony



*Celebrating a tradition of
commitment to excellence —
graduates recite the PVAMU
oath and receive their pin*





Our Tradition.

Your opportunity. **RIGHT HERE.**

COMPLETE YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR EARN A MASTER'S

Prairie View A&M University's Northwest Houston Center offers both excellence and accessibility. Now, you can receive the same resources and quality instruction that our main campus offers, but at our convenient Northwest Houston location. If you've been thinking about returning to school, to either complete your undergraduate degree or earn a master's degree, PVAMU Northwest Houston Center may be exactly what you need to continue your education.

WE OFFER:

- The same prestigious education offered at Prairie View A&M University's main campus
- Convenient NW location
- Hybrid classes (online and classroom)
- Night and weekend classes to accommodate working professionals
- Bachelor Completion Programs
- Master's Programs
- Executive MBA (EMBA)
- Non-credit continuing education courses
- Scholarship opportunities
- Available financial assistance
- Over 140 Years of Panther Pride!

APPLY FOR ADMISSION IN 4 EASY STEPS:

- Choose a degree program.
- Review and understand the admission requirements and application deadlines.
- Apply www.applytexas.org.
- Send a request via the Information Request page to obtain additional information.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Undergraduate Admissions:

FallJune 1
SpringNovember 1
SummerApril 1

Graduate Admissions:

FallMay 1
SpringOctober 1
SummerMarch 1

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Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Communication
Bachelor of B.A. (BBA) – Management
Bachelor of B.A. (BBA) – Accounting

Graduate Programs

Master of Education (MEd) – Administration
Master of Education (MEd) – Counseling
Master of Science (MS) – Accounting
Master of Science (MS) – Nursing Administration
Master of Science (MS) – Nursing Education
Master of Science (MS) – Community Development
Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)

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www.pvamu.edu/northwest

Northwest Houston Center Success Story—Edward Lunney



Prairie View A&M University alumni, Edward Lunney, recently obtained a position as Flagship General Manager of TOPSHOP/TOPMAN at the Houston Galleria. He currently directly manages five Executive Managers, 15 Full-Time Team Leads and in total part-time staff of approximately 50 Sales Advisors. Mr. Lunney says he credits much of his success to the education and reputation of the Executive MBA program, offered at the Northwest Houston Center.

Read his testimony below:

Entering the Executive MBA program at Prairie View A&M University, Northwest Houston Center, was a pivotal moment in my personal and professional life. My partner and I had just moved to Houston from a small town in central Wisconsin 8 months earlier and I knew that I wanted to advance my career and take advantage of the educational opportunities that the city had to offer. Choosing PV was a simple decision for me. It both fit my hectic retail schedule and allowed me the ability to experience education from a diverse perspective. Because of Prairie View A&M University, I have increased my annual base salary by over 50% and now run a business portfolio of over \$15M.

When the program began in August of 2013, I was the Store Director for a J. Crew Factory store located in Cypress, Texas. I had been promoted to that location as it was higher volume and allowed for more exposure to company executives. I am thankful that my direct managers supported me in pursuing a higher level degree that ultimately gave me the opportunities that have led me to where I am today professionally.

During the first semester of the program in Business Communications, Dr. Bell broke us into teams, that we would later chose to be our Capstone group, and we began working on a project centered on the importance of social media. Through research, we developed a paper and presentation and through this process I decided to upgrade my LinkedIn profile and maximize its usefulness. Later that year I was contacted by Lacoste regarding an Area Manger position based in Houston that I did not technically have the professional experience for as I had not directly managed more than one store at a time. The Regional Manager stated that my educational experience is what brought my profile to her attention as a competitive advantage over other candidates and something she valued as a manager.

By maximizing my LinkedIn profile and successfully exploiting my EMBA, I was able to gain my current position which is the Flagship General Manager of TOPSHOP/TOPMAN at the Houston Galleria. I currently directly manage 5 Executive Managers, 15 Full-Time Team Leads and in total part-time staff of approximately 50 Sales Advisors. I have been able to use my case-study based learning to implement new programs within the larger organization and travel regularly to New York for meetings to help impact the US business model. This has catapulted me into a new level of business management where my growth potential is infinite. I have been able to travel to London to experience Brand meetings, have full control over my operating budget, donate to local charities and impact the local community and promote Houstonians into executive roles across the United States. I attribute all of this to PVAMU and the Executive MBA program, because without this degree I would have never been able to move forward so quickly in my career.

I cannot even begin to thank both the faculty and my fellow cohort members for their support, and sometimes patience, that has afforded me the ability to grow and experience professional recognition. I am proud of EMBA, and proud to be a Panther.

Alumnus, Edward Lunney.

Dr. Kimberly Beatty **Vice Chancellor of Instructional Services** **and Chief Academic Officer-HCC**



Women's History Month



Dr. Kimberly Beatty was the Women's History Month guest speaker at the Northwest Houston Center and the John B. Coleman Library.

Dr. Beatty shared her career path from an English major at Morgan State University to her current position as Vice Chancellor of instructional Services and Chief Academic Officer for Houston Community College.

Students, faculty and staff were encouraged to support one another and embrace the uniqueness of being at a HBCU.



Dr. Kimberly Beatty, Vice Chancellor of Instructional Services and Chief Academic Officer at Houston Community College, discussed the importance of student services and the student's experience.

Dr. Beatty is a Pittsburgh native and attended Penn Hills High School as a teen. She later moved to Maryland and spent most of her educational years attending Morgan State, a Historically Black University. She encourages students to appreciate the camaraderie and community that is often unique to HBCUs.

Dr. Beatty's experience includes serving as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success, Dean of Languages, Mathematics and Sciences at Tidewater Community College, Program Director of Campus Learning Communities and Associate Professor of English at Cypress College, GED/ ABE English Instructor at Maryland State Department of Education.

Her presentation was geared toward students and their career paths. Dr. Beatty spoke of her mother, who she says, was very education oriented and she remembers her mother taking college classes and she would ride the bus with her mother occasionally to the campus.

Her mother was strict and required her to keep a schedule, make sure her school work was done, and if she finished early, she had to do another assignment. Dr. Beatty says that stayed with her and helped her through college. She encouraged the students to do likewise.

One of the things Dr. Beatty mentioned to the students was the necessity of taking advice from others. She stated that sometimes people are looking out for you, and you don't even know it. Students commented that the presentation was inspiring and motivating.

For more information please see recently HCC interview:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yg8kxmgmTIU>



Black History Month Speakers

The Northwest Houston Center celebrated Black History Month by hosting several guest speakers.



Colonel John Boggs, Guest Speaker

Colonel John Boggs, retired Marine Infantry Officer and founder of Fortitude Consulting, a leadership and strategy development firm presented an inspirational workshop on *Creating Heroes in Your Organization*. His presentation focused on strategies needed to develop leaders and motivate followers.

Col. Boggs has a rare wealth of experience. As Chief of Staff of the National Defense University, he managed the planning and implementation of daily operations at the world's largest defense university system and leading institution for producing strategic leaders. As a faculty member, Col. Boggs spent time as Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs, Commandant of the Marine Corps' Chair and as teaching faculty. He taught strategy and strategic logistics at the master's degree level and developed and taught the United States Regional Security Studies at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He has served in advisory positions on high-level national government staffs, to include the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He has advised General Officers, Political Appointees, and Diplomats. Col. Boggs was selected to serve as a Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City, the world's foremost authority on foreign policy. He is a former Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of a major Washington, D.C. non-profit, and partner in both government contracting firm, and an

international business development company. He has a distinguished record of providing executive level leadership and strategy for large, complex organizations and operations to start-ups.

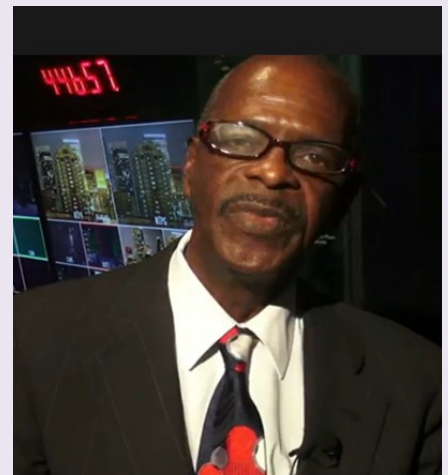
For more information on Colonel Boggs, please visit his website: www.fortitudeconsult.com



Mr. Perry has over 43 years' experience in the oil and gas auditing field, has been the only African American oil and gas Auditor to this day, and is the only African American in the Texas oil and gas history books. Mr. Perry describes unknown avenues in the oil and gas industry with first hand knowledge of critical situations and issues that are shielded from the public eye. From the obstacles private land owners are faced with, to the obstacles of the most powerful energy companies, this documentary reveals the answers to questions the public doesn't even know to ask for. <http://www.ldauditors.com/>

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Auditor, CEA, CFS,**

Lee Perry a Holistic forensic expert, consultant, published author, lecturer/speaker and continuing education trainer on the top O&G industry platforms presented: **"Are You a Millionaire"**, referencing many who may have profitable oil wells that they are not aware of.





National Library Week—Book/Bake Sale assists Flint Public Library

Northwest Houston Center and the Distance Services Librarian celebrated **National Library Week with a Book/Bake Sale** to support children's programs at the Flint, Michigan Public Library.

Flint Public Library has recently been in the news, recognized for their due diligence in providing clean water to library users. When told the corrosive water running through the pipes was ok for children and adult attending library programs to drink, the library director took action and contracted outside of the city to bring in water coolers and fix the problem within the library. The funds raised from the Northwest Houston Center Book/Bake Sale will be used to assist in providing water, juice and snacks for children's programming.

This year's National Library Week theme is ***Libraries Transform***, reminding all Americans that today's libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people. Increasingly, libraries are places of creativity where people can meet to share a hobby, use a 3D printer, edit a video, or use software to record their own music. Libraries offer access to the tools, technology and training essential to the economic and cultural lives of their communities.

Northwest Houston Center Success Story—Sammie Johnson

Sammie Johnson is a Northwest Houston Center success story, earning one of his master's degree taking classes totally at the NWHC. Mr. Johnson was recently hired as the Information Literacy/Information Services Librarian at Alabama A&M University. Mr. Johnson will assess information literacy competencies in partnership with faculty; developing outreach programs and literacy instruction for students.

Mr. Sammie Johnson worked as a graduate assistant in the Special Collections and Archives and the Reference/Circulation Departments. Prior to his appointment at Prairie View A&M University, Mr. Johnson was the Clinical Computer Applications Trainer at Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County, providing training, teaching, hardware, and software support. Mr. Johnson holds two Master degrees from Prairie View A&M University, a Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Science in Human Science, and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama. While completing his Library Science degree at Texas Woman's University, he began his doctoral studies in Educational Leadership at Prairie View A&M University.



Northwest Houston Center Success Story

Douglas Nathaniel James, Jr.



Born and raised on the North side of Houston, **Douglas Nathaniel James Jr., is a phenomenal upcoming artist.** At the age of five is when he began painting, and creating designs. The talent he has obtained is credited to his father, who passed down his artistic abilities. Douglas finds excitement in drawing different characters, and experimenting with different designs. As a painter, Douglas finds a lot of his inspiration from the life around him, and the hip-hop culture from the early 80's up to now. It inspires him to create something that no else has seen before. "I'm really observant of life, and that's basically what art is. Art is life", stated Douglas. If Douglas sees something that inspires him, it will be transformed into art.

Jean Michael Basquiat is one of his favorite artists. Basquiat was an artist who did a lot of graffiti artwork, and who focused most of his paintings on telling a story. The majority of the stories that Jean created through his artwork intrigued Douglas, as he uses some of Basquiat's techniques into his own artwork in order to tell a beautiful story. Telling a story through his artwork is one way he connects to the community around him. Whether it is his life, or the lives around him, they continue to inspire everything that he creates in order to design a beautiful masterpiece.

Douglas is a graduate of Klein Forest High School. He furthered his education at Stephen F. Austin University, where he received a BFA in Digital Media, and a minor in Ad Design.

He is currently enrolled in a masters program, Prairie View A&M University, College of Education. He is also a part of a program that creates different lessons for students and teachers. One of his major accomplishments will be this upcoming May, when he is scheduled to walk across the stage, and graduate. After graduation, he would like to become a certified teacher. Douglas wants to go back to his Alma Mater and become a fine arts teacher at Klein Forest High School. One of his goals is to create different programs for students in order to help "beautify the community" with murals and paintings that will help create a positive society.

A future educator, teaching students about art is one of his many passions. His goal is to teach students on how to find their own perspective within the art. He wants students to know that you can take anything, and call it art. The one thing that fascinates Douglas about art is "the ability to make something out of nothing. It's astounding to me, to use whatever you can and call it art". Douglas further stated, "you can paint one line on the wall and call it art. People can gravitate to it, and create a thousand thoughts about what it means."

Douglas is also a proud member of Apha Phi Alpha. Through this organization, his artwork plays an important role as this organization is based on "empowering the community, and having love for all mankind." Douglas wanted to create different projects that will uplift and inspire different individuals through this organization with his artwork. When Douglas is not painting, he is taking pictures. Photography is another passion of his, as he finds beauty in the pictures he captures. With three years under his belt, he feels that he has always had a great eye for things. Like his artwork, he wants to tell a story through his photography. Capturing beautiful moments is what excites him about taking pictures.

Students Win @ FOCUSS CUNA Competition

The FOCUSS Idea Competition was created to stimulate constructive thought surrounding concepts of innovation and discovery. It provides students a unique opportunity to share and cultivate solutions to "real world" problem statements presented by sponsoring institutions. Competition is open to all current participating college/university undergraduate students.

For the idea competition, students are given the opportunity to address a problem statement submitted by the sponsoring institution. Finalists are then selected from all of the initial submissions.

During the live competition finalists present their "idea" to an audience of peers, faculty, entrepreneurs, and distinguished guests from the sponsoring institution. Each finalist has a designated amount of time (e.g. 4 minutes) to present their idea to a panel of judges who will then choose the winners.

Bria Chavis and Morgan Walker won the competition at Prairie View which qualified them to travel to Madison Wisconsin, headquarters of CUNA Mutual Group. There they competed against the finalists from other universities. They represented themselves, Prairie View, and the COB very well.



The competition was solid and majority of the teams had a similar idea, the ladies placed 5th. The trip and experience was very enlightening for the students. They had an opportunity to meet and speak with the CEO of the company. They toured the home office which included the trading floor and a brief lecture on fixed income from the head trader. They also met and heard from Steve Case, the founder of AOL. They received a copy of his new book, The Third Wave.

The relationship with CUNA and the COB will continue to grow, as they are very impressed with our students. Two COB students will be interning with CUNA Mutual this summer, Bria Chavis and Meshia Greer. Meshia will be in Madison and Bria will be in Ft. Worth. The representative from the Dallas office was still taking about the close second place team at Prairie View. She has invited them to come to Ft. Worth this

summer to present to leadership in that office and the head of diversity and inclusion when she comes to visit that office. CUNA also plans to attend the career fair in the fall.

Lastly, I believe our relationship with FOCUSS will grow as well. They do this type of competition with other companies, like Wells Fargo for example. Dr. Rose, head of FOCUSS, was very impressed with the students from the COB.

Douglas Nathaniel James, Jr. (continued)

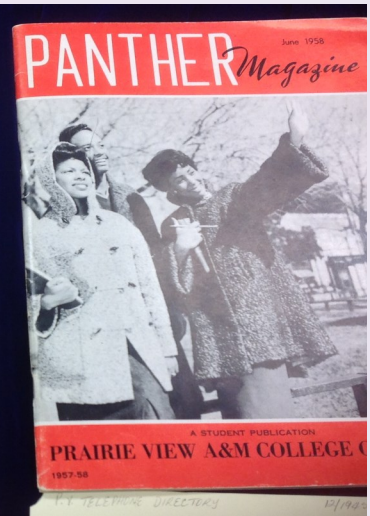
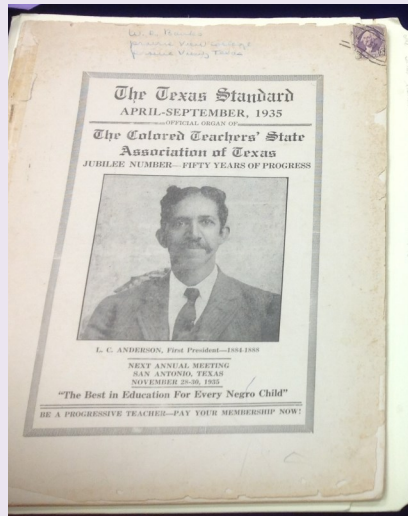
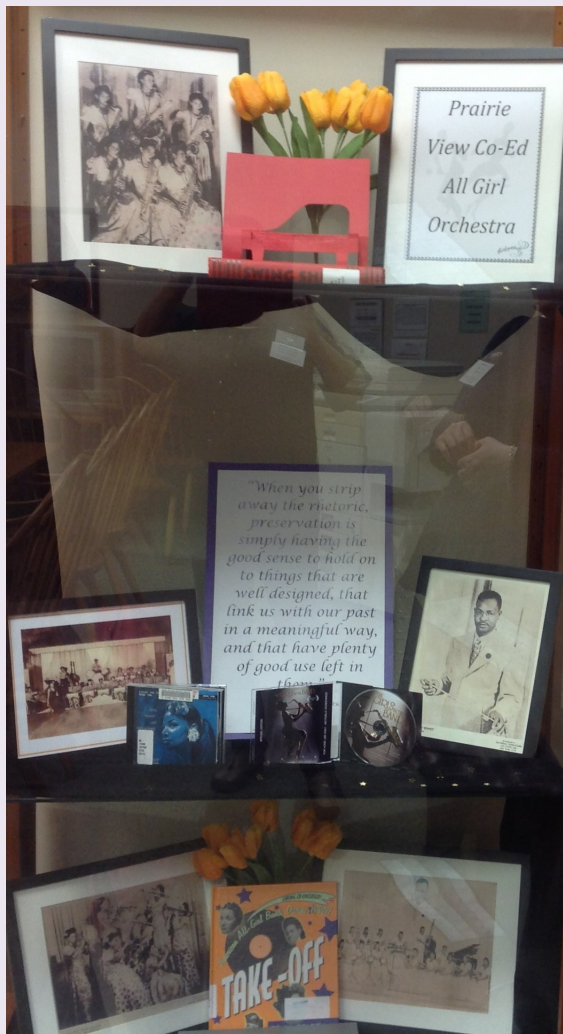
In addition to website design, later down the line, he wants to expand his business by promoting other artists and their many talents. Whether it is artwork, music, or poetry, he believes in helping other young artists reach their dreams, as he strives to continue reach his.

In the future, Douglas just wants to expand his artistic abilities, and to "just live and inspire as many as he can." Touching the lives of others through his artwork is just one way he plans to affect the community in a positive light. When he becomes an educator, he hopes to reach many students, and help make their dreams come true. He believes in our youth, and he is a great role model; someone our youth can be proud to look up to. He loves to focus on the good in the community, and uses that good to uplift himself, his artwork and his business. He hopes to give back, help empower and elevate the community even more through his business. Imagine, create, and elevate, is what he stands for. Douglas James is young, highly motivated, and continues to do great things for the community. From CHELSEA DAVIS-BIBB

Preservation Week Exhibit



April 24 – 30, 2016 Preservation Week was observed at Prairie View A&M University by the John B. Coleman Library spearheaded by its Preservation /Digitization/Disaster Recovery Committee. The launch is a sustainable series of Preservation Week programming topics beginning in April 2016 and reoccurring annually through April 2020 that focus on the rich cultural heritage of Prairie View A&M University. In keeping with the ALA National theme of Save Your Stuff and Pass It On! and combining it with the 140th Anniversary theme for the University, Down the Road: A Journey of 140 Years, the series proposes to highlight this heritage pictorially with supporting text and a display to showcase and raise awareness for the Prairie View community at-large.



Prairie View, Texas, April 17, 1906.
 Faculty of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial
 College met in regular session at 5 P.M. with Principal
 L. Blackshear in the chair. On roll call E. L. Blackshear,
 W. Luckie, E. H. Holmes, J. W. Hoffman, J. T. Hodges, Misses
 Bell Bohannon + Effie Houseworth and J. H. Crawford were present.
 Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted,
 which the Committee on Discipline made its report as
 follows:

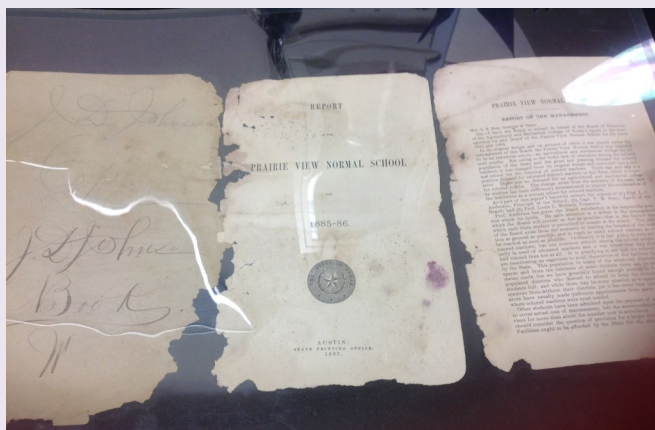
J.B. Coleman Library Special Collections and Archives

The 2016 series began in April with an introduction to the buildings and locations in Prairie View that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, State of Texas Historical Landmarks and Prairie View A&M University Historical Landmarks. The list is as follows:

National Register of Historic Places: 1. Fry-Thomas Power Plant (1916), 2. Alfred N. Poindexter Veterinary Hospital (1925), 3. Annie Laurie Evans Hall (1928), 4. George Ruble Woolfolk Social & Political Science Building (1932), 5. L.C. Anderson Hall (1933), 6. Roby W. Hilliard Hall (1939), and 7. W.R. Banks Library (1945).



The week's highlight was an Open House on April 28, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in room 505 of the Special Collections/ Archives Department's (SCAD) showcasing various artifacts and the reception from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in room 509. Submitted by Phyllis Earles & Lisa Stafford, Pictures by E.J. Brumfield



14 Years—Looking Back

Corliss Booker says Goodbye



Throughout our lives, we meet people who make a profound impression on us through their actions and personal examples.

Corliss Booker leaves the NWHC as one who will always be appreciated for her kind, helpful and always giving spirit.





Best wishes for the next phase of your career. It has been our pleasure to know you and to work with you.

From the Northwest Houston Center Faculty, Staff, Students, and Visitors





The Panther Institute: Grant Writing Workshop

The Panther Research Institute 2016: Grant Writing workshop was held at the Northwest Houston Center, May 16th to May 20th. This annual event is sponsored by The Office of Research and Graduate Studies and The Center for Teaching Excellence with funding from Title III.

The grant writing institute is an opportunity for each participant to gain hands-on experience with the grant writing process. We encourage formation of writing teams of not more than five individuals which should include at least one graduate student. The Institute provides guided sessions for proposal development which MUST result in a completed proposal almost ready for submission to an external funding source.

Special guest speakers included Dr. Lesia Crumpton-Young, Vice President for Research, Tennessee State University and Dr. Zewelangi N. Serpell, Associate Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University. Each speaker brought a plethora of grant writing and research tips.

The Future of Distance Library Service



Recently I received the **Distance Library Services Scholarship** award from the **Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)** and **Routledge Publishing** for leadership and innovation and promotion of distance library services. Much of my interest in the past years has been in library technology, which is becoming more interactive and responsive to individualize instruction. In addition, hand held devices, mobile applications, ibeacons, wearable technology and the Internet of Things are now some of the resources contemplated for usage in library instruction.

The Coleman Library mobile app was one of the first library mobile apps to use Augmented Reality and continues to be a leader in innovation. More ideas are circulating on how other technologies could be used in the future. Currently, ibeacons are fueling library research—looking for ways to market programs and services.

ACRL encourages librarians to play a role in the innovation and usage of emerging technologies. Librarians should be visionary in imagining the future of libraries, and they should be willing to take the risks inherent in translating their vision into action. It is my goal as the awardee of the ACRL award to stimulate thought on how the NWHC library can be instrumental in developing unique partnerships with faculty and students that are interested in experimenting with technology. The possibilities of connecting information to personal devices opens new opportunities and challenges. The interconnection of devices and the information they provide can improve services and a users experience. They also challenge us on issues of privacy and the digital divide.



The dominance of desktop systems is rapidly drawing to a close. We're on the cusp of a new world order where handheld devices will become the primary information retrieval mechanism.



Mobile apps created by Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield



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