



Director's Message

Greetings Panthers!

I am excited about this school year, and being back on campus. This summer, I was appointed Interim Dean of Graduate Studies. In this new role, I look forward to continuing the work of the previous dean by improving the admission, enrollment and matriculation processes for graduate students. In addition, new models for increasing the number of students entering graduate programs are being implemented. I will continue in my role as professor in the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education as well as the Executive Director of the Northwest Houston Center. The Northwest Houston Center team and I are happy to support you during your graduate studies. Please let us know if there are any programs or services you would like to see at the Northwest Houston Center.

Tyrone Tanner

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NORTHWEST NEWS:

PVAMU: First HBCU with Doctorate of Business Program

This fall, Prairie View A&M University's College of Business became the first Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) to offer a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA). The first cohort began classes this semester at Prairie View's Northwest Houston Center. Dr. Brian Lee, Professor and Executive Director of the program spoke to Northwest Houston Center manager Dr. Kamala V. Williams describing the idea behind the new DOB program.

Dr. Lee says initial plans for the program began in 2016 and was later approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Board of Texas. Lee said "the cohorts would be small with less than 20 students, many of which are corporate executives and professionals. The program format includes, face to face classes on Friday and Saturdays, online modules, and a residency requirement." The program is designed for working professionals. The 3-year completion time enables students to maintain fulltime employment. This is important for many of the students because according to Lee, there is no internal financial assistance. However, "the college has set aside a small amount for competitive scholarships based on emergency needs of students," Lee said. Sabrina Mauldin, a PV alum joined the team as the administrative associate to assist faculty and students as they navigate the newly formed program.

When asked how students and organizations could benefit from the DBA program, Lee believes that as a general program, it will offer students an opportunity to build on and improve their knowledge for potential advancement in their current area of expertise. For those interested in academia, it will depend on their area of concentration for their masters degree. Organizations will certainly benefit from the new pool of highly experienced personnel with the advanced degree.

The NWHC team is happy to have this new program and looks forward to continued growth and success. We welcome the first DBA cohort to the university and the NWHC!

For more information, click the link below.

<https://www.pvamu.edu/business/departments/graduate/dba/>



NWHC BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT: ANDERSON ACADEMY STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Dr. Tanner Handing school supplies

For the past 3 years, the Northwest Houston Center has sponsored a Back to School event for the local community. This event is an opportunity to provide parents and students with resources for a successful school year. The restraints of COVID-19 required us to rethink how we could continue this event. Last year, the event was virtual, with online sessions for both parents and students. This school year staff from the NWHC along with PVAMU's Healthy Houston team selected a partner school, Anderson Academy in Aldine I.S.D. to receive school supplies.

Dr. E. Simpson, Principal of Anderson Academy, and Prairie View alumna was very appreciative of the support and donation from Prairie View A&M University – Northwest Houston Center. The Anderson Academy staff and the students were excited about the school supplies and books. It was like Christmas at the beginning of the school year! You can tell that Dr. Tanner enjoyed the role of Santa Claus; he could sense the excitement in the students as they received their packets.

Dr. Simpson stated that the NWHC has helped propel Anderson Academy to an upward trajectory. Despite the current adversities, Anderson Academy is destined for success! We couldn't agree more with her. The NWHC staff is looking forward to holding the Back to School event on site again next year.

For More Information Contact Dr. LaShonte Williams at 713 790-7274

NORTHWEST STAFF NEWS:



Kamala V. Williams, NWHC General Manager

Dr. Kamala V. Williams's Book Release

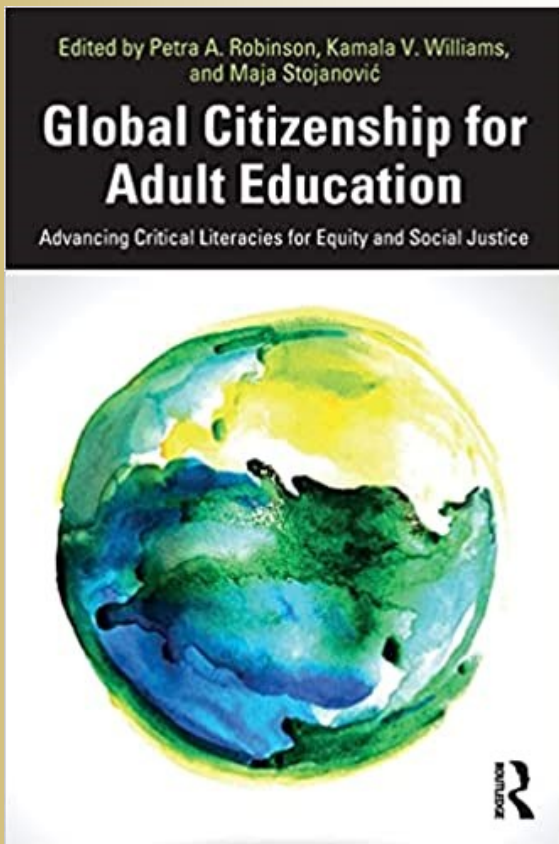
Dr. Kamala V. Williams, manager of the Northwest Houston Center, Prairie View A&M University celebrated the release of *Global Citizenship for Adult Education: Advancing Critical Literacies for Equity and Social Justice* at the Northwest Houston Center Library one day prior to the official release by the publisher Routledge.

The book, edited by Petra A. Robinson, Kamala V. Williams, and Maja Stojanović, focuses on how to promote equity and social justice through global citizenship and life-long learning while integrating the development of critical literacies. Critical frameworks offered by the United Nations (n.d.) and the Critical Literacies Advancement Model (CLAM) (Robinson, 2020) provide structure that guide the overall discussion throughout the book.

The authors provide comprehensive definitions of nontraditional literacies that direct attention to the interconnectedness of these literacies within the sociocultural context. The editors and chapter authors outline strategies and recommendations on how to develop these nontraditional literacies in ways that contribute to developing global citizenship. Authors also highlight implications for research, policy and practice. The book has broad scope, global reach, and relevance across multiple disciplines and provides theoretical foundations, practical strategies, and concrete resources for relating theory to practice.

Dr. Williams and her co-editors are indeed pleased with the broad range of contributors represented in the book. While situated in adult education, it is global in nature as it features the work of 53 interdisciplinary, international scholars and practitioners representing 20 countries. As described in the foreword by Hassana Alidou, PhD, former Ambassador of the Republic of Niger to the United States and Former UNESCO Representative and Regional Director, globalization has brought the importance of addressing human, social, cultural, political, and economic issues in ways that are equitable and promote social justice. This will demand a greater understanding and critical consciousness of the literacies represented in this text.

The book is unique in that at the conclusion of each section is a dedicated chapter with a series of practical, easy to use resources for broadening specific literacy skills. Written and organized to be practical and applicable to a wide range of users. Academics from multiple disciplines, organizations interested in developing any of the literacies, as well as global citizens concerned with critical thinking and promoting equity and social justice will all find this book useful. *Global Citizenship for Adult Education: Advancing Critical Literacies for Equity and Social Justice* is available in multiple formats.



[Click here.](#)

Congratulations to Dr. Williams on this meaningful achievement!

“ICING ON THE CAKE” FOR VALERIE MENDOZA



Valerie Mendoza , NWHC Customer Service Manager

Long gone are the days of anyone committing to an employer for most of their career. Today's job market demands frequent moves to attain upward mobility and advancement. Not so for Northwest Houston Center Customer Service Manager, Valerie Mendoza. Maybe this is not as much of an anomaly at Prairie View A&M University as it would be in other organizations; Valerie has dedicated much of her career to PVAMU, having celebrated 34 years with the university in August.

Originally from the beautiful Caribbean island of The Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, Valerie joined Prairie View in 1986 as the Administrative Assistant to Mr. Henry Cook, Herman Hospital's Administrator of the Owens-Franklin Health Center. Later Valerie moved to the Fiscal Office – Accounts Receivable department. In early 1990 she was promoted to Program Coordinator and transferred to State Highway 249, Tomball Parkway, to open the university's North West Houston Campus (NWHC), located on the campus of Compaq Computer's Headquarters.

In 2009, Prairie View purchased its current facility at 9449 Grant Road from Lone Star Community College System. Former Dean of the NWHC Dr. Michael McFrazier, encouraged Valerie to take advantage of scholarships and additional education benefits available to employees to begin working on her bachelor's degree. She found that working full-time while pursuing her degree required diligence and tenacity.

In the Spring of 2019 Valerie completed her bachelor's degree in Sociology, a goal she set many years ago and was determined to achieve. Encouragement to continue her education also came from close family members, including her daughter, Misha Nicole, who earned her Bachelor's Degree from PV and went on to obtain two master's degrees in Community Psychology & Public Health at Florida A&M University (FAMU). During her time at FAMU, she received the William J. Fulbright Fellowship. Misha's area of research in Barbados entitled “Exploring Breast Cancer Screening Barriers Among Barbadian Women: A Focus Group Study of Mammography in a Resource-constrained Setting” was influenced because her mom is a 19-year breast cancer survivor.

Valerie was also motivated to continue her education by her son Jonathan, an engineer with Southern Pacific Railroad and her grandchildren Zoe` (6) and Jamian (12) who affectionately refer to her as Gigi. The passion for education continues and exuberance for life flows through her lineage. Jamian, a 7th grader in the Gifted & Talented program, enjoys playing basketball physically and virtually, while 6 yr old Zoë, 1st grader, enjoys reading, painting, writing notes to everyone including her teacher, and being her dad's #1 helper (whatever project he may be working on she has her own miniature tool belt with real tools).

Obtaining a college degree was also a dream of Valerie's mom, Cresencia, who began that journey in her early 50s. Unfortunately, she developed pancreatic cancer and died before knowing what it felt like to wear a cap & gown and walk across the stage to receive her degree. "I wanted to complete a goal that my mom did not have the opportunity to finish." "It did not matter how long it would take, I told myself that "time" was going to come whether or not I continued, so I might as well continue lol. Each semester, I enrolled in two classes at the community college, intending to pass those two so that I could move on to another two!"

Elated about having accomplished her goal of earning her Bachelor's Degree, Valerie enrolled in graduate school the same year! Only one semester into her program, she navigated graduate school while adjusting to work and study challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. Not easily dissuaded, Valerie persisted and completed her Masters in Community Development in Spring 2021. She describes this as "icing on the cake." "As I walked across the stage for both degrees, I imagined my mom, sitting on the front row cheering me on. We did it!" After years of service to the university as the customer service manager, Valerie has become the face of the Northwest Houston Center. The next time you visit the Northwest Houston Center, congratulate her on her years of service and academic accomplishments.

HEALTH & WELLNESS



You are cordially invited to experience the wellness room at Prairie View A&M's Northwest Houston Center. A safe place to unwind, refuel and recharge. With visible affirmation environment, the wellness space can serve several relaxing needs and can be customized to meet the unique needs of any employee.

As we seek to provide a supportive work environment, the wellness room encourages employees to adopt healthy behaviors and positive lifestyle changes to help improve mental health and wellbeing, as well as increase productivity. The benefits of employee wellness areas are endless; stop by and take some time to take care of yourself.

Link To Health Center: <https://www.pvamu.edu/healthservices/>

NORTHWEST HAPPENINGS:

Healthy Houston Mobile Kitchen Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



On August 11, 2021, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU)'s Healthy Houston Initiative (HHI) showcased their new mobile kitchen unit at PVAMU Northwest Center with the official ribbon cutting ceremony. In the presence of well-known community partners, leaders, campus faculty and staff, President Ruth Simmons announced that the Healthy Houston Initiative is no longer an “initiative” – it now a mission in action. The addition of the mobile kitchen stimulates outreach potential and encourages the resolution of health inequalities.

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), served one of Healthy Houston’s deliciously nutritious breakfast recipes from the Mobile Kitchen for attendees, who loved the light but tasty treat.

Alongside the presentation from EFNEP, Healthy Houston’s collaborating colleges (The College of Juvenile Justice, College of Business, College of Nursing, and the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences) presented and shared the importance of their work and the programs they deliver that align with the goals and mission of Healthy Houston.

Inevitably, Healthy Houston’s Mobile Kitchen Unit will impact deserving communities in the most need , spreading resources, knowledge, education, and while subsequently educating and improving the health of others. For more information on Healthy Houston follow the link

<http://www.pvamu.edu/cahs/healthy-houston>

“Now that the mobile kitchen is ready to hit the road, it’s already in high demand”

Nkem Anyasinti, Program Coordinator



INFORMATION SESSION

Prairie View A&M University's Northwest Houston Center looks forward to a productive and exciting year. To help new and returning students become acclimated with various student services the NWHC offered an information sessions on August 21st. Representatives from Title IX, treasury services, financial aid, registration, parking, health services, student counseling and library services presented material and provided contact names, numbers and important links to additional information. In addition, there were breakout sessions with advisors from each academic program housed at the NWHC where students were able to ask program-specific questions. Students were able to tour the facility and encouraged to utilize the fitness center, library, laptop kiosk and other amenities.

Based on the positive feedback received the event was very beneficial to those who attended. If you were unable to attend, links to each department or service is included below.



Department	Website	Phone
Academic Affairs	https://www.pvamu.edu/academicaffairs/	936-261-2175
Admissions	https://www.pvamu.edu/admissions/	936-261-1000
Business Affairs	https://www.pvamu.edu/businessaffairs/	936-261-2150
Financial Aid	https://www.pvamu.edu/faid/	936-261-1000
Graduate Studies	https://www.pvamu.edu/graduatestudies/	936-261-3518
Health Services	https://www.pvamu.edu/healthservices/	936-261-1410
Human Resources	https://www.pvamu.edu/hr/	936-261-1730
MBA Questions	https://www.pvamu.edu/business/departments/graduate/	936-261-9215
Student ID	https://www.pvamu.edu/auxiliaryservices/panther-card/	936-261-1700
Testing Services	https://www.pvamu.edu/student-success/sass/testing/	936-261-3627

The next information session will be in January and will be virtual. Tune into the NWHC Newsletter for updates!

AFTER THE TASSEL



Kenan Kaburu

Meet Kenan Kaburu, a proud graduate of PVAMU with a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Kenan earned his BS in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University.

Kenan, born in Mombasa, Kenya, describes himself as a citizen of the world, an explorer and a learner of life. Kenan's interest in engineering was ignited by his admiration for his uncle, an engineer. His uncle's job and work ethic inspired Kenan to pursue this career path. "He set the fire in me to become an engineer and also it helped that I was good in math and science classes."

"I strive to become the best I can be and learn as much as I can to propel myself forward."

After earning his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, Kenan moved to Houston to look for work and opportunities, starting a few tech startups as he entered the workforce. While attending a conference in Dallas he met a PVAMU professor who encouraged him to apply to PVAMU to pursue a graduate degree. The choice to attend an HBCU was a good fit for Kenan; the supportive student services as well as the sense of community made him feel at home; "the students are not admission numbers, but part of the HBCU family" Kenan says.

Kenan's future plans include starting his own business. He said, "my ambition in life is to start my own company and empower the community through my God given gifts and talents." Currently he is employed as a System Engineer II, for Global Payments.

Some of Kenan's hobbies include playing and watching soccer. He enjoys watching sports, documentaries, running around the park, travelling, sightseeing and learning new things.

Kenan is also a part of the Northwest Houston Center family as he worked as a Graduate Assistant helping students, faculty, staff and visitors with technical issues and more. We know that Kenan will continue to shine and do great things!



URGENT!

Cyber criminals are lurking as a result of increased internet usage due to the pandemic.

Learn from the experts, the #FBI, on how to protect yourself and your information online.

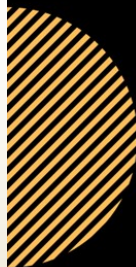


CYBER SECURITY

OCTOBER 26TH, 6-7 PM

WEBINAR

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IMPORTANT LINKS

Library: <https://pvamu.libguides.com/nwhc/library>

Academic Calender: <https://www.pvamu.edu/registrar/academic-calendars/fall-2021-16-week-session>