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DEAN'S CORNER

Meet the Dean of Prairie View A&M University, Northwest Houston Center

Hello and Greetings from NWHC!

I am excited about the future of the Northwest Houston Center and its contributions to the higher education space in Northwest Houston. If you are looking to improve your career and future job prospects, or simply interested in completing a degree or participate in non-degree continuing education programs, this is the right place.

Residents of Northwest Houston can find a number of high quality, nationally accredited graduate and undergraduate programs offered in a student friendly setting. We offer a number of complete degree programs on this campus – education, business, nursing and architecture. In addition to the graduate programs, several bachelor's programs are currently being offered – business, the arts and sciences and nursing and architecture. Classes are offered in the evenings each week day for traditional classroom delivery and on Saturdays and online for the hybrid method.

Students are able to meet all of their academic needs in one place. As a result, we are developing a full-service student transfer center with representatives from the admissions, the registrar's office, financial aid, academic advisors. Students will have access to personnel dedicated to assisting them with their matriculation. Additionally, special scholarships designed for transfer students, and for students who would take courses on the NWHC campus. Check us out. I think you will be pleased.

We are working with a number of partners including the Lone Star Community College system (Cy-Fair, Tomball) and other partners to admit cohorts of students interested in completing a four-year degree in any of these areas. If interested in any of these programs, or another program that we should consider offering, I would love to hear from you. You may contact me at muquddus@pvamu.edu or Dr. Daniel Perez, the Center's associate director, at drperez@pvamu.edu or call 713-790-7273. Additionally, a member of our staff is available from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Munir Quddus, Ph.D



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While continuing to serve as dean of the PVAMU College of Business, Dr. Quddus will be leading the efforts to increase enrollment and sustainable program offerings at the Northwest Houston Center.

Dr. Munir Quddus has served as the dean of the PVAMU College of Business since fall 2001. Under Dr. Quddus' leadership, the college received initial accreditation with the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) in spring 2006, a hallmark of excellence attained only by 10% of the business schools globally. During his 12 years as dean, the number of faculty and program options, including a new master of science in accounting, online MBA and an executive MBA has grown substantially.

A native of Bangladesh, Quddus earned his Ph.D in economics from Vanderbilt University. He has worked in higher education for nearly 30 years teaching at the University of Southern Indiana, the Economic Institute in Boulder, Colorado, Vanderbilt University, and the North South University - the first private university in Bangladesh which he helped establish in 1993.

Dr. Quddus is sought out for his expertise in his field of research which includes economic development, history of economic ideas and macroeconomics. His research on entrepreneurs in the Bangladesh's multi-billion dollar garment export industry, recently led to interviews for an article published in The New York Times and on National Public Radio's Planet Money. He has published one book and co-edited three others.

Quddus is President of the Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI) - a research think tank and policy advocacy group - and recently served on an expert panel at the Heritage Foundation in Washington DC. He is on the editorial board of the Journal of Bangladesh Studies, the only scholarly journal in the US devoted to Bangladesh Studies.

Above and right:
Northwest Houston Center
Dean, Munir Quddus,
welcomes residents,
students, and potential
students to the Northwest
Houston Center during a
Transfer Day event.

See page 6 for Transfer Day
information



Cultivating the Spirit of Giving

Blood Drives/Book Sales/Food Donations/ Early Voting—NWHC Supports the Community

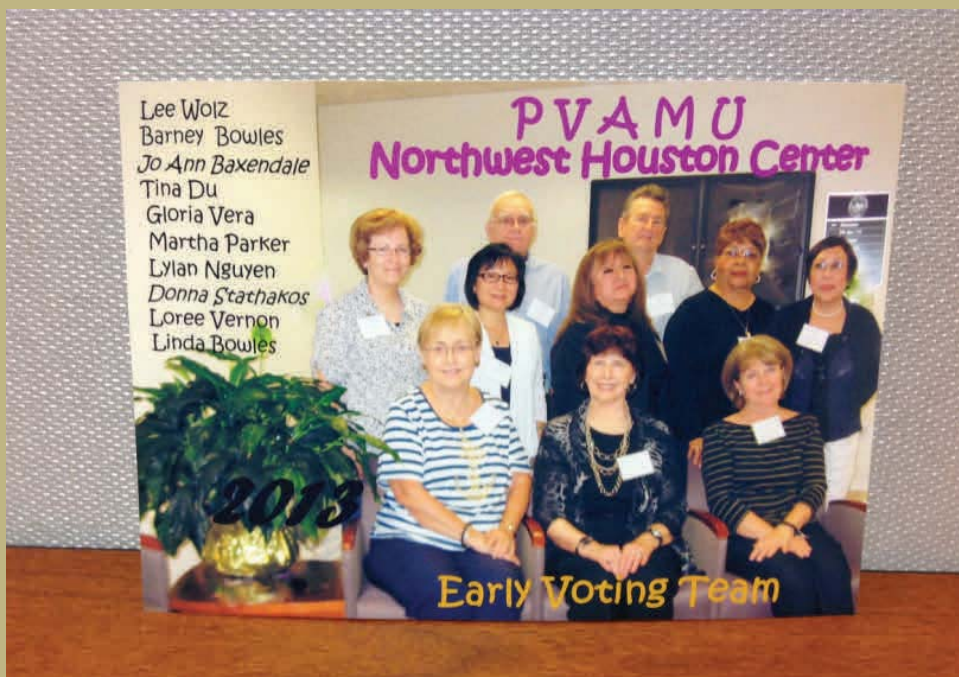


Above: Dr. Daniel Perez, Associate Director, Northwest Houston Center, Interim Director, Executive MBA Program, gives blood at the NWHC blood drive.

Right: Student purchases book from the Homecoming book sale/bake sale, all funds were donated to the Houston Food Bank food drive.

Charitable involvement has been shown to help raise self-esteem, develop social skills, and foster an appreciation of one's own lifestyle. From donating books and collecting food to being socially responsible, we not only assist others but get a greater sense of fulfillment.

As educators and administrators in higher education we are concerned about the cognitive and character development of our students. We also care about our community and show our support in various ways.



The Northwest Houston Center volunteered to be a site for early voting. A team of 10 assisted in the registration and voting of Harris County residents.

Highway Construction Training Academy



The Office of Continuing Education hosted a training academy for those interested in a career in the Highway Construction Industry. The two week academy provided hands on training to increase the student's ability to get hired by highway contractors. The sessions included:

- Introduction to the Highway Construction Industry
- Heavy Equipment and Skid Steer Training
- OSHA Construction Course (including OSHA-10 hour card)
- Flaggers in Work Zone training
- Geographical Information Systems Training
- Job Application and Interview Techniques
- Personal Finance and Money Management Skills
- Personal Development and on-going Mentoring

Prairie View A&M University
Office of Continuing Education

Will host a training academy for those interested in a career in the highway construction industry. The two-week academy will provide hands-on training that should increase a student's ability to be hired by highway contractors. Selected candidates will receive training in a variety of fields.

Topics include

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- Heavy Equipment and Skid Steer Training
- OSHA Construction Course (including OSHA-10 hour card)
- Flagger's in Work Zone training
- Geographical Information Systems Training
- Job Application and Interview Techniques
- Personal Finance and Money Management Skills
- Personal Development and on-going Mentoring

Sessions are held at
Prairie View A&M University Northwest Houston Center
Located in northwest Houston 9449 Grant Rd. near Willowbrook Mall

September 16-26 | M-F - 8:00a.m. -5:00p.m. **SESSION 1**

September 30-October 10 | M-F 8:00a.m. -5:00p.m. **SESSION 2**

Seats for this program will fill quickly!

For more information visit
www.pvu.edu/continuingeducation or 713-790-7281

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Photo is of other Continuing Education Program. Subject is not Prairie Highway Construction Academy.



Pictured: The first class of the Highway Construction Academy, Rebecca Faison, Continuing Education Director, training instructors, and prospective employers.





Transfer Days & Scholarships

Transfer Days are information sessions designed to acquaint prospective students with Prairie View A&M University. Meet with our faculty and administrators: discuss our academic programs, college scholarships and co-op and internship opportunities. **The next Transfer Preview Days are scheduled for January 12, 2014 and March 1, 2014, both begin at 9:00 am.**

Prairie View A&M University offers a number of scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, transfer and continuing students that show promise through academics, leadership and/or community involvement. The Prairie View A&M University Transfer Scholarships are designed to recognize outstanding students who will be transferring to Prairie View A&M University. Immediate consideration is given to those who apply and are successfully admitted to the University. Transfer Scholarships are competitive and awarded based on availability.

The **Direct Connect Program** was created to assist transfer students through the process of transferring from different education institutions to Prairie View A&M University. It provides an opportunity for students to minimize the difficulties that can occur while transferring and connects students with beneficial information and resources.

The **Direct Connect Program** has a scholarship which could potentially cover a large portion of mandatory tuition and fees and enable you to pay the same tuition as your local community college.

Prairie View A&M University is proud to award students who have achieved academic excellence.

We hope that for all students, you will progressively grow and succeed in both your personal and academic endeavors while at Prairie View A&M University.





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DIRECT CONNECT

PROGRAM BENEFITS



The student is eligible to **pay the same fixed tuition and mandatory fees at the time of registration as that of any Direct Connect Institution**, if they completed an associate's degree. The student will receive a PVAMU Direct Connect Tuition Assistance Scholarship to offset the cost. This fixed tuition and mandatory fee rate program is in accordance with HB 2999.

The student is eligible to participate in **advance course registration** provided they meet the pre-registration requirements at the time of enrollment.

The student is eligible to participate in the **Reverse Articulation program**.

The student is eligible to be **dual admitted to PVAMU** and as such will be eligible to enroll in up to 12 semester credit hours for one semester prior completing the associate's degree at the community college. The student must meet all of the other program requirements in order to utilize this benefit.

(Please contact the Financial Aid office for additional information)

Private Scholarships Websites (See—<http://pvamu.edu/pages/2148.asp>)

College Answer - Sponsored by SallieMae, they use the Scholarship Experts data base.

College Board Scholarship Search - The College Board's free scholarship search utilizes a database of more than 2,300 sources of college funding totaling almost \$3 billion in scholarships and aid.

College Scholarships - Free Scholarships Search Engine.

Discover Nursing Scholarship Search - If you are or will be studying nursing, give this free scholarship search a try. You will probably find more nursing scholarships here than in any other source.

FastAid - The world's largest and oldest Private-Sector Scholarships, Graduate Scholarships, Worldwide Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants and Free Undergraduate College Scholarship database.

FastWeb - Search for scholarships with our free scholarship matching service, get student financial aid and find money to pay for college.

Free-4U.com - The National Data Base of Scholarships.

FreSch Info - FreSch! has a database of over 5,000 organizations and foundations that offer scholarships, representing approximately 450,000 awards.

International Education Financial Aid - The IEFA website was created to be a resource for financial aid, college scholarship and grant information for US and international students wishing to study abroad.

Military.com - This site claims to help students find, "millions of dollars in scholarships and grants exclusively for the military community".

NextStudent - Search more than 6.2 million scholarships and grants worth over \$16 billion in college money.

StudentAidontheWeb - A U.S. Department of Education sponsored free online scholarship search.

United Negro College Fund Scholarship Search - A free online scholarship search sponsored by the United Negro College Fund.

Scholarship Experts - A free and trusted scholarship resource that allows students to search for scholarships that match their unique needs. Their state-of-the-art matching technology provides the most accurate results, allowing students to instantly begin the scholarship application process. Scholarship Experts maintain an up-to-date database of over 2.4 million scholarships worth more than \$14 billion.

Passport to Your Future



The Northwest Houston Center staff took part in the **5th Annual Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce (HNWCC) Passport to Your Future** on November, 2013 at the LoneStar University Park campus.

The event is coordinated by the **Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Education and Workforce Development Committee.**

Passport to Your Future provides an opportunity for students to learn more about various career clusters. This forum provided sessions for high school students that focused on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and Health clusters.



This year the **College of Arts and Sciences** department assisted the NWHC with Passport to Your Future during the College Expo Session. We were able to provide the students with important information about Prairie View A&M University's admission process, scholarship opportunities and various degree programs.





The College of Arts & Sciences was present with two faculty members, Dr. Oki, Chemistry Department Head, and Dr. Lane, Biology department faculty member, both did demonstrations at the table.

Mrs. Navarrete, Recruitment Coordinator also attended the program. A total of 34 student received information on our university, especially in the areas of Pre-Med and Chemistry.

Dr. Oki spoke with Mrs. Karla Sandoval, Academy Coordinator, Carl Wunsch Senior High School to

make sure Chemistry & Physics Departments will have the opportunity to present in the class room next year. Mrs. Navarrete spoke with Lone Star University Park advisor to coordinate a day for us speak with all the advisor about our programs and scholarships.

Also, she spoke with Mr. Balthazar from Klein Forest High School, and visit his campus on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013 with Dr. Wilcox to coordinate future visits to Klein Forest. This week, Mrs. Tatiana Amaya a former graduate of Klein Forest and a Chemistry Graduate school will be visiting the school to develop a program with Mrs. Franco, schools' parent coordinator.



Students from Communications department will visit with Klein year book, and newspaper editors to advise them in their two projects.



Black History Month Events

Dr. Terence Hicks, "Lost Generations", February 6, 2014, 6:00 p.m.



Dr. Terence Hicks is Dean of the Whitlow R. Green College of Education. Dr. Hicks is a noteworthy scholar who has conducted important research analysis on college retention and the psychological well-being of college students. Dr. Hicks has been interviewed and cited in the USA Today, the Research Alert National Yearbook, the Detroit News, ABC-KTKA Channel 49 in Topeka, Kansas and served as a Research Fellow for the National Institutes of Health, National Center of Minority Health and Health Disparities for three consecutive years. He has published 3 books, over 70 combined research publications/presentations and has been cited by over 150 combined national/international researchers.

Dr. Hick will give a lecture entitled, "A Lecture from the Children of the "Lost-Generation" of Students from Prince Edward County, Virginia is based on a chapter in his book entitled, "The Educational Lockout of African Americans in Prince Edward County, Virginia (1959-1964): Personal Accounts and Reflections."

Dr. Hicks provides ground-breaking research on the historical events surrounding the Prince Edward County's school closings. For five years (1959-1964), the families of 1,700 African American students were forced to cope with the absence of public schooling in the county. Their efforts led to the case Davis v. the County School Board of Prince Edward County, which was one of the cases that were consolidated with Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.

Black History Month Theme—Civil Rights in America

Documenting Civil Rights—A Pictorial Review with the Library of Congress, February 12, 2014, 6:00 pm
Presenter: Representative from the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections.

Included will be a Civil Rights Exhibit and demonstration of the new ProQuest database devoted to the legacy of President John F. Kennedy, known for his commitment to Civil Rights.



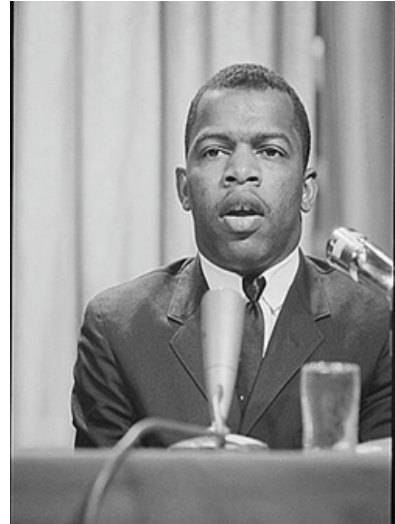
Black History Month Events

Andrew Aydin, "The March", Reflection on a Civil Rights Icon, John Lewis—Date to be announced.



Andrew Aydin, co-author of the March will discuss the graphic novel co-written with Congressional Representative and Civil Rights activist Honorable John Lewis.

Congressman John Lewis (GA-5) is an American icon, one of the key figures of the civil rights movement. His commitment to justice and nonviolence has taken him from an Alabama sharecropper's farm to the halls of Congress, from a segregated schoolroom to the 1963 March on Washington, and from receiving beatings from state troopers to receiving the Medal of Freedom from the first African-American president.



Andrew Aydin will provide details of his experience co-writing the first of this historic trilogy. Books will be available at the presentation. Andrew Aydin is an Atlanta native, currently serving as an aide to Congressman John Lewis.



Mr. Aydin is responsible for handling Telecom and Technology policy as well as New Media in Washington, D.C. Andrew served as Communications Director and Press Secretary during Rep. Lewis' 2008 and 2010 re-election campaigns. He has also served as District Aide to Rep. John Larson (D-CT), and as Special Assistant to Connecticut Lt. Governor Kevin Sullivan. Andrew is a graduate of The Lovett School in Atlanta, Trinity College in Hartford, and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Other Events

- ***Black History Family Day, February 1, 2014, 10:00 am***
Heath care representatives, food and craft demonstrations, storytelling, games for the whole family
- ***Mental Health Wellness , February 1, 2014, 10:00 am***
Sponsored by the Cooperative Extension, Total Wellness Initiative Program (see page 13 for further details)
- ***Empowering Your Past—Telling Your Stories, February 18, 2014, 6:00 pm***
Presenter: Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield—Book discussion on “An Ordinary Man: Black Power in Overalls”, and a workshop on writing and publishing your family histories and genealogies
- ***Black History “Dinner and a Movie”, February 27, 2014, 6:00 pm***
Join the NWHC staff for an informal light dinner while viewing a Black History movie with discussion

Small Library— Big Impact

Northwest Houston Center—Library News

The Northwest Houston Center library is small in comparison to other libraries. Therefore it is necessary to occasionally remind students, staff and faculty that the NWHC library is fully functional with access to the same print and electronic resources as other libraries. In addition the staff are involved in projects that impact not only the NWHC but campus wide.

Recently the library received two grants from the Institute of Museum and Libraries Services through the Texas State Libraries and Archives Commission to increase the library's mobile presence. The Library Mobile Solutions project will improve access of the collection as well as offer innovative communication and search features for mobile users and distance learners. In addition the library will launch a pilot project using Augmented Reality software that will enable users to scan library books to obtain additional information on the author, illustrator, or contents via YouTube, audio or video resources.

This feature was conceived by the Distance Services Librarian, and makes Prairie View the only library to use augmented reality as a search function.



Students at the Northwest Houston Center and the main campus will also have access to LibraryTV, a new feature that will be available on their television sets, Android tablets, and other mobile devices. LibraryTV allows previous recorded instruction sessions, events and class assignments to be displayed as recorded or as real time. LibraryTV is a revolutionary app that allows libraries to become a personal part of a users experience, while offering search functions, playback, and recording. Libraries can also create their own categories and manage and track analytics.



Games and Information Literacy, a poster session, was presented by the NWHC Librarian at the International Federation of Library Associates (IFLA) Conference, held in Singapore, August 2013.

IFLA is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users globally. More than 120 countries were represented at IFLA and fewer are selected to present. It is with honor that the NWHC library program was selected as a part of the Conference program.



Above: Buddhist Monk collects information on Prairie View from the Distance Services Librarian's poster session at the International Federation of Library Associates (IFLA) Conference in Singapore



Above: Singapore cultural program at IFLA

Left: Picture of Singapore skyline taken by the Distance Services Librarian



Total You Wellness Program @ NWHC

With all of the stresses that pop up in life, taking care of self is a priority that is often forgotten. The Cooperative Extension Program is looking to change that.

Last semester, the CEP launched Total You Wellness, a campus-wide initiative that provided opportunities to participate in interactive workshops on physical, nutritional, financial, mental and technology health wellness.

“This semester we have decided to create a wellness initiative that establishes a team that will represent all disciplines across the entire campus to implement the first ‘Annual Pathways to Total You Wellness Conference’ while continuing to support one another on our individual departmental efforts,” said Danielle Hairston-Green, coordinator of the Total You Wellness Program.

The program has also expanded its scope to include workshops at the College of Nursing on every third Monday of the month and at the Northwest Houston Center campus every first Saturday of the month.

Article taken from Campus Announcements:

<http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/6874.asp?item=187424>

For dates and topics please refer to the schedule.

For additional information on the Total You Wellness series contact Danielle Hairston-Green at 713-797-7032 or Dawn Burton at 713-797-7032.

For information on the Northwest Houston Center dates and times please contact Elizabeth Jean Brumfield at 713-790-7282 or Valerie Mendoza at 713-790-7281.



North West Houston Center

- **October, 5, 2013**
Physical Health Wellness – Swing Out : Alternatives To Aerobics
- **November, 2, 2013**
Nutritional Health Wellness – The Benefits Of Juicing
- **December, 7, 2013**
Technology Health Wellness – Social Networking And You
- **January, 4, 2014**
Financial Health Wellness – Frequently Asked Insurance Questions
- **February, 1, 2014**
Mental Health Wellness – Under 40 Grams: Young Age Grand Parenting
- **March, 1, 2014**
Physical Health Wellness – 10 Minutes Or Less: Exercises For Busy People
- **April, 5, 2013**
Nutritional Health Wellness – The Raw Plan: A Tasty Eating Alternative
- **May, 31, 2014**
Technology Health Wellness: A better Outlook At Work: Get The Most Out Of Your Email

Important Dates

Academic Calendar Spring 2014 1st 8-Week Session

The Prairie View A&M Academic Calendar is subject to change. Please check the Prairie View A&M University website for updates.

Date	Description
January 9 - 11, Thursday - Saturday	Registration
January 13, Monday	Instruction Begins
January 20, Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University Closed)
January 21, Tuesday	Last Day to Withdraw from Course(s) without Academic Record 6th Class Day (Census Date)
January 22, Wednesday	Withdrawal from Course(s) with Academic Record ("W") Begins
February 12, Monday	Title IV, 60% of Semester
March 3, Monday	Last Day to Drop or Withdraw from Course(s) ENDS
March 4, Tuesday	Last Class Day for Spring 2014 1st 8-Week Session Final Examination Period
March 6, Thursday	Final Grades Due for All Students in 1st 8-Week Session

Spring 2014 2nd 8 Week

Date	Description
January 9, Thursday - March 7, Thursday	Registration
March 10-15, Monday - Saturday	Spring Break
March 17, Monday	Instruction Begins
March 24, Monday	6th Class Day (Census Date) Last Day to Withdraw from Course(s) without Academic Record
March 25, Tuesday	Withdrawal from Courses with Academic Record ("W") Begins
April 16, Wednesday	Title IV 60% of Term
April 18-19, Friday - Saturday	Good Friday/Easter (Student Holiday)
May 5, Monday	Last Day to Drop or Withdraw from Course(s) Ends
May 6, Tuesday	Final Exams Last Class Day
	Grades Due for Graduating Candidates
May 10, Saturday	Commencement

Homecoming -2013



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
HOMECOMING
The Gold Standard

Northwest Houston Center
October 13-19, 2013
 4:30-8:00 pm

Food—Sodexo BBQ **Music—Vendors—Door Prizes**

Motivational Speakers

Technology Demonstrations

Misha Granado, MPH MS

"In order to know love, you must first know pain. Love must first dwell within." —Misha

Misha Granado is one of love's most passionate advocates and has dedicated the past 12 years in helping hundreds of women, couples and families heal their emotional wounds in order to love better and cultivate healthy relationships within their lives. Misha is the founder & principal consultant for Love Goes: The Relationship Consultants.

It's Your Season to SLEAZE!

Fitness—Yoga

Book Sale
Bake Sale

PAIN HAS NO EXPLANATION DATE
 YVONNE MITCHELL

Donald R. Collins
Conducting Multi-Generational Qualitative Research in Education
 An Invitation to Spiritual Truth

All events are free. Most events run from 4:30-8:00 pm. Contact prvcomm.edu or Elizabeth Jean Brownfield at 713-751-3155 please call 936.261.3985



Congratulations to Northwest Houston Center for another successful Homecoming Week Celebration—Lots of activities—Food—Prizes—Music—Vendors—Guest Authors—Families—Sororities and Fraternities
 Pictured right: Winner of the Homecoming iPod—Nursing student Aristotle Rillon with Valerie Mendoza, Customer Service Coordinator.



Transfer Day @ Northwest Houston Center (see page 6)

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