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### Northwest Houston Center Newsletter

#### NWHC Scholarship Awardee Student Spotlight Shadawn McCants



"I do what I do because the Lord gives me strength. (Shadawn McCants)."

The Northwest Houston Center is pleased to introduce one of our 2012 scholarship recipients, Shadawn McCants.

Ms. McCants considers herself a "people person," who likes entertaining and interacting, however, she states that sometimes she might be considered outspoken. As a case manager for the Harris County Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority McCants uses her communication skills on a daily basis.

A recent article in the Houston Chronicle credits Ms. McCants communication skills with helping to stabilize a patient that previously had frequent run-ins

with the police. Ms. McCants regular communication with this client helped the police and the patient avoid potentially violent outbursts. Ms. McCants says "The Lord gave me patience". She helps many troubled clients by regularly encouraging them, assisting them with their doctor appointments, and reminding them to take their medication.

Ms. McCants is in her 4th semester at Prairie View A&M University taking classes towards a masters in Counseling. She has a degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology and would like to pursue a PhD in Public Health and Administration with an emphasis on Public Law and HIV/Aids in African American Families.

When asked why she decided to attend PVAMU she stated that she "always wanted to attend a HBCU." Ms. McCants said so far she has enjoyed her time at the Northwest Houston Center. She said she loved the staff, their professionalism, helpfulness, and respectful attitude. She also likes the option of having classes face to face and online.

Ms. McCants was one of ten students attending the NWHC exclusively, who received scholarships beginning the Spring 2011 term. An information session was held July 16, 2011, where students were provided the details of the scholarship and given an opportunity to apply. Since the inception of the scholarship program information sessions have been arranged some in conjunction with several of the colleges including the College of Education and the College of Business. Please see page 4 for scholarship requirements. (continued on page 4)

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## NWHC New Staff

**The NWHC welcomes Mr. LeWebster Lacy as the Web Content Specialist.** Mr. Lacy is a native of Houston and no stranger to Prairie View A&M University having completed his undergraduate degree in Engineering at PVAMU. After completion of his degree, Mr. Lacy worked for several Houston firms in IT before moving to Dallas where he worked for Hewlett Packard in the Network Development Program.

Mr. Lacy is proficient in many software applications including: Microsoft Windows 3.1- 7, Microsoft, Visual Basic C++, Auto Desk, Windows 2003 & 2008 Server, Altiris , Microsoft Visio, Sonic Wall, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, InDesign, Simplorer 8, Lab View, Multi-Sim, Microsoft Share Point, Word Press, PHP, Joomla , Maximo.

The NWHC looks forward to using Mr. Lacy's skills in developing a more efficient and engaging web presence. Please check the website frequently for more updates and information.

**Northwest Houston Center website:** <http://pantherconnect.com/northwest/>



## Student Highlight—Tyronne Obaseki

Mr. Tyronne Obaseki is a graduate of Texas A&M Commerce University, and currently pursuing a Master's degree in Counseling at Prairie View A & M University. Mr. Obaseki was placed in Child Protective Services on 7-22-86 (a little over 2 months following his birth) until he aged out on 5-15-04 at age 18.

Mr. Obaseki has overcome several obstacles getting to where he is today. He overcame childhood neglect, homelessness, molestation and physical/ emotional abuse. Since his emancipation from care he has been working diligently to increase awareness and implement change within the CPS system.

Mr. Obaseki has made several presentations at various conferences and events in Texas, including : ***Helping America's Youth*** in Arlington, TX, hosted by then First Lady, Laura Bush and the ***Texas Reach Conference*** at Sam Houston State University.



Mr. Obaseki is a Children and Protective Services Investigator at Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Co-Founder and Motivational Speaker at **Foster Care Circle of Assistance Network**.

According to his website, Mr. Obaseki “brings a sense of openness and ingenuity along with genuine support to fulfill the overall mission and goal for the improvement of the CPS system. He observes best practices while exuding a positive disposition to enhance the work assigned, and at the same time, presents ideas that can push the broad spectrum of those logistical outlines.”

Tyronne Obaseki states that he is dedicated to mentoring the young minds of the community. Recognizing the need for more positive male role-models, he is dedicated to being a positive example for youth from all backgrounds and is a great resource and asset to the community as a whole.

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## NWHC Spring & Summer Graduation



Pictures from the Spring and Summer graduation celebration parties.



**Congratulations to all the 2012 Graduates**

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## New Fitness Center—Coming to NWHC



### Coming Soon—NWHC Fitness Center

In an effort to encourage healthier lifestyles, the NWHC is acquiring fitness equipment for a Fitness Room. Students, faculty and staff will have access to treadmills, elliptical bikes and free weights for exercise.

In addition to the fitness room, the NWHC intends to periodically have guest fitness experts, trainers, and health care providers to offer exercise and health advice.

The NWHC will host a health and beauty fair during Women's History Month, March 2013, in collaboration with the Department of Health Services, Nursing, and the Coleman Library.

Keep checking the NWHC website for more details and the grand opening of the NWHC Fitness Center.

## NWHC Scholarship Awardee (continued)

### Undergraduate Scholarship Criteria

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

### Undergraduate Scholarship Continuation

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

### Graduate Scholarship Criteria

- Earned Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution
- Preference given to students with 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. Consideration given to students with 2.75 overall G.P.A. to meet graduate admission requirements with 3.0 G.P.A. or higher in upper division work (last 60 hrs.)
- Admitted and enrolled in at least 6 hours at the NWHC for the long academic terms (i.e. Fall & Spring).
- US Citizen and Texas Resident

### Graduate Scholarship Continuation

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

### Important Scholarship Information

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

### Scholarship Application Deadlines

July 1 – Fall Term      November 1 – Spring Term  
April 1 – Summer Term

### Submission and Contact Information

Mailing Address :

9449 Grant Road, Houston, TX 77070

Phone and Fax:

713.790.7270 (main)

713.790.7295 (fax)

Web Address: [www.pvamu.edu/northwest](http://www.pvamu.edu/northwest)



## NWHC Adopts a Classroom



The NWHC has started a new project to assist teachers in the area with school resources. Many of the students enrolled in the graduate programs at the NWHC are teachers in elementary, middle and high schools from the surrounding districts. The *NWHC Adopt a Classroom* drive supports the efforts of these teachers to provide some of the basic resources that are often lacking in their classrooms and which teachers may have to purchase out of their pockets.

During the school year a *NWHC Adopt a Classroom* flyer and application form, is posted seeking information as to the supplies needed in the classrooms.

Based on the request and the amount of

donations received, applications are selected and the teacher(s) and their classroom receives the donated school supplies.

The first teachers and classrooms selected to receive donations were: **Lakisha Barnaby—Donna C. Lewis Elementary School** and **Monique Dorsett—High School Ahead Academy**.

### Congratulations to our winners!

If you would like to know more about the *NWHC Adopt a Classroom* project please contact Tiffany Allen, Information Specialist at the NWHC—713-790-7146.

**Check out more pictures on page 12!**



Above: Tiffany Allen, NWHC student and teacher Lakisha Barnaby and Donna C. Lewis Elementary School students



# Community Development Graduate Program @ NWHC

## Community Development

The community development profession is continually in need of dedicated individuals with diverse backgrounds who care about the problems and potential of economically distressed and socially isolated communities. Previously, professionals in this field of study held degrees in the following disciplines: civil engineering, social work, architecture, business, urban planning, history, public administration, construction science or political science. Today, the field of community development has emerged and evolved into a profession and an academic discipline that draws on the skills and knowledge of many of the above fields.

The master's in community development curriculum consists of courses that combine theory and practice with three perspectives: 1. physical (civil engineering, architecture, construction science, and urban planning), 2. economics (business and public administration), and 3. social (social work, history and political science). This program is designed to allow graduate students the opportunity to apply knowledge gained from work experience (internships and independent study) and undergraduate degrees, together with a graduate degree in community development to help America rebuild communities and revitalize neighborhoods.

Active community development professionals and all who aspire to impact communities will benefit from completing this master's degree program.

## Degree Program Requirements

The degree requires a minimum of 36 semester credit hours. The core of the program is 24 credit hours of required courses. Students may select the remaining 12 hours from a list of pre-approved courses. With departmental approval, alternative courses may be selected from the offerings of other degree programs on campus. All courses are tailored to meet the demands of working professionals.

## Career Opportunities

Based on your undergraduate degree, a master's degree in community development will enable you to pursue the following careers in both private and public organizations that focus on the following areas:

- Community Services
- Real Estate Management
- Research and Public Policy
- Community Lending
- Urban Planning
- Fundraising
- Housing Development
- Community Organizing
- Nonprofit Management
- Main Street Programs
- Historic Preservation

## Employment Possibilities

Employment possibilities are numerous; the following represents a range of examples:

- Community Action Agencies
- Chambers of Commerce
- Non-Profit & For-Profit
- Community Organizations
- Local, Regional, State and Federal Governmental Programs
- Community Colleges and Universities
- International Agencies
- Financial Institutions
- HUD, Fannie Mae, USDA, and other federal agencies' regional and national offices
- County Cooperative Extension Offices
- City, County and State Economic Development Offices
- Economic and Industrial Development Organizations



For more information contact: **Prairie View A&M University**  
**School of Architecture MS #2100 P.O. Box 519**  
**Prairie View, Texas 77446**  
**(936) 261-9800**  
**(936) 261-9826 (fax)**  
**architecture@pvamu.edu**

## Academic Calendar

**August 24-27, Friday - Monday**  
Regular Registration for ALL Students

**August 25, Saturday** Regular Registration for Graduate Students (UG students if advised and issued alternate pin)

**August 27, Monday** LAST DAY of Regular Registration for ALL Students Instruction Begins

**August 28, Tuesday** Late Registration and Drop/Add for ALL Students Begins

**August 31, Friday** Late Registration, Add Courses, Change Major/Certification or any Matriculation Change Ends for Undergraduate Students – Student Web Access Closes

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Saturday Late Registration, Add Courses, Change Major/Certification or any Matriculation Change Ends for Graduate Students – Student Web Access Closes

**September 5, Wednesday** General Student Assembly All Students to Attend

**September 11, Tuesday** Census Date (12th Class Day) LAST DAY to Drop Course(s) without Academic Record Late Deadline to apply for Fall 2012 graduation

**September 14, Wednesday** Withdrawal from courses with academic record ("W") Begins

**September 21, Friday** 20th Class Day

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**October 18 - 20, Thursday-Saturday** Mid-Semester Examination Period

**October 23, Tuesday** Mid-Semester Grades Due

**November 5, Monday**  
Withdrawal from Course(s) with Academic record ("W") Ends

**November 13, Tuesday**  
Priority Registration Begins for Spring 2013 Semester

**November 16, Friday**  
Deadline to Apply for Spring 2013 Graduation

**November 22-24, Thursday-Saturday**  
Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)

**November 26, Monday**  
Instruction Resumes

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**December 3 - 4, Monday - Tuesday**  
Course Review Day [Classes must convene and instructors will prepare students for Final Exams]

**December 4, Tuesday**  
Last Class Day for Fall 2012 Semester  
Last Day to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses) for the Fall 2012 Semester

**December 5 - 11, Wednesday - Tuesday**  
Final Examination Period

**December 11, Tuesday**  
Final Grades Due for Graduation Candidates

**December 15, Saturday**  
Commencement

**December 18, Tuesday**  
Final Grades Due for All Other Students

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## New Book & New Workshop

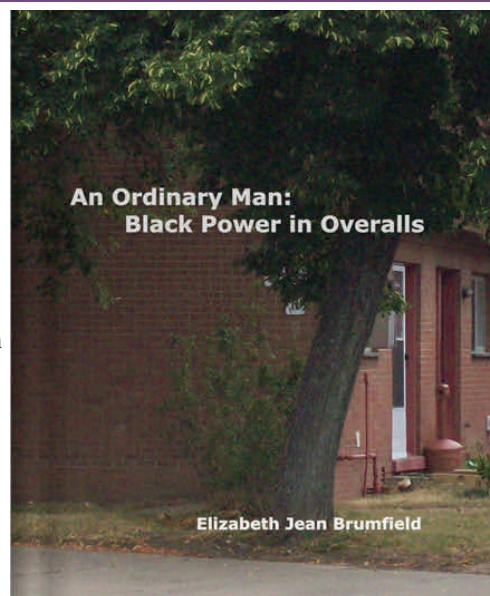
“Historians are truth tellers or truth makers, perhaps both or neither. However, if there are truths in history then I believe they start with the ordinary man and the common everyday occurrences. It is not just the leaders of society that make a nation and have stories to be told. We are less aware of the importance, value and identity of the laborers, workers, and homemakers that influence the changes that the wealthy and powerful put in place.

Historical genealogy is “the study of ordinary people’s everyday lives in both their immediate relationships and their wider impact on society. The truths presented in this book are the thoughts, words and memories of an ordinary man who lived through unique times in American history: Jim Crow, WWII and Civil Rights. Much has been documented that illustrate the impact of these events. However, so many people were affected and continue to be affected, that everyone’s story could not have been told. But each individual presents their own truths and each has something valuable to contribute to our understanding of American history (**excerpt from *An Ordinary Man: Black Power in Overalls* by Elizabeth Jean Brumfield**).

In 1971, the first African American admitted into the United Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters for the United States and Canada, Local 27 had a street named after him in Pittsburgh, not so much for who he was but more for what he did. This book chronicles his life and his 20 year struggle, in and out of the court system, against discrimination in the labor unions. ***An Ordinary Man: Black Power in Overalls***, will be introduced during the **Annual ASALH—Association for the Study of African American Life and History (founders of Black History month) Conference, September 27-30, 2012 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**. The book will be available in bookstores and the ASALH website following the conference.

On October 24, 2012, NWHC librarian and author, Ms. Brumfield, will offer a workshop entitled: ***Publishing Your Historical Genealogies and Oral Histories***. The session will cover the entire process from, identifying the best research tools for historical information, also writing tips for the organization of the book and types of software. The workshop will also provide information on publishing options.

**NWHC Publish Your Historical Genealogies Workshop, Oct. 24th, 5:00 p.m. RSVP required.**  
email your RSVP to: [ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu](mailto:ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu) or Valerie Mendoza, [vmmendoza@pvamu.edu](mailto:vmmendoza@pvamu.edu)



## NWHC Student Highlights: Tyrone Obaseki (continued)



His personal advocacy is to enthuse, empower and motivate youth to overcome all obstacles and strive for excellence. As he says “My continued objective is to encourage all entities to do more to help America’s youth become able and ready to [weather] the vicissitudes of life.”  
(reprinted with permission from Tyrone Obaseki)

For more information or to contact Mr. Obaseki, please go to his website:  
<http://www.tyroneobaseki.com/index.html>

Pictured left: Graduate student, Mr. Obaseki, and Dean and Vice Provost Dr. McFrazier.



## New Video Database

Alexander Street Press announces new video collections fully searchable in a video/journal database.  
The NWHC will be previewing these database collections as they are offered.



Slide from Leslie Sokol, CBT—Video Journal of Counseling and Therapy

The **Video Journal of Counseling and Therapy** was previewed in the spring and those that attended the screening commented that it was an excellent resource.

The NWHC will offer a screening of the database and videos in the NWHC lobby from **4:30 to 6:00 p.m., October 10, 2012.**

The **Video Journal of Counseling and Therapy** is the latest in research and best practice methods in the fields of counseling, mental health, and psychology streaming video collections.

The collection includes contemporary presentations, lectures, and workshops from renowned counselors, psychologists, and practitioners, and at least 350 hours of new content will be added yearly to a base of 1,000 hours.

The subscription version of the product includes all the videos from the current calendar year, plus the three previous years, for a total of more than 1,400 hours.

Video licensors include **CMI** (the leading provider of mental health workshops in the U.S.), the **Brief Therapy Conference**, the **Couples Conference**, the **Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference**, the **Erickson Congress**, Columbia University's **Winter Roundtable of Cultural Psychology**, the **Australian Counseling Association**, and others.

The collection features presentations from world-renowned researchers and clinicians, such as Donald Meichenbaum, John Gottman, Marsha Linehan, Salvador Minuchin, Philip Zimbardo, Scott Miller, Russell Barkley, Judith Beck, Fred Leong, Anthony Marsella, Dan Siegel, Barry Duncan, Michael Yapko, John Norcross, Jon Kabat-Zinn, and Bessell Van der Kolk.

Topics covered include post-traumatic stress disorder, mindfulness, cognitive behavioral therapy, neuroscience and counseling, addictions, positive psychology, multiculturalism, ADHD, counseling men and boys, psychopharmacology, evidence-based treatment, suicide risk assessment, compassion fatigue, and family and couples therapy.

## Coleman Library 25th Anniversary



### Coleman Library Set to Celebrate 25 Years

Twenty five years ago, the Prairie View A&M University campus celebrated the first step toward the building of a “new grand library” at the ground breaking ceremony. Now plans are being made to celebrate the library’s silver anniversary.

The John B. Coleman Library administration and staff is currently planning a two year series of special events leading up to November 2013, the 25-year anniversary of the dedication of the present library.

Named after Dr. John B. Coleman, The first African American appointed to Texas A&M University System Board of Regents in appreciation for his long service to the board and support of higher Education at traditionally Black Universities in Texas.

Originally known as the W.R Banks Library, named after the former PVAMU principal, the building was funded by the Fifteenth Texas State Legislature. With its slow beginning in April 1879, the library was issued a total of nineteen dollars budgeted for books. Today its holdings are approaching 400,000 landmarks and it boasts a total capacity of more than half a million volumes.

By LaPorshia Owens

Public Relations Student Intern

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## Authors Donate Autographed Books to NWHC



In an effort to raise funds for the **Coleman Library's 25th Anniversary** celebration the NWHC is requesting "famous and not so famous" authors to donate autographed books which will be auctioned at a gala event.

To date some of the authors who have donated books include **Sapphire** the author of *Push.*, which was made into the movie *Precious*. Her new book, *The Kid* takes up where *Precious* leaves off and is destined to be a future movie.

**J.R. Martinez** was the "dapper dancer" on *Dancing with the Stars*.

He also appeared on the *Young and the Restless*. His first book, *Full of Heart: My Story of Survival, Strength and Sprit* is already a best seller. He details his life before the tragic accident in Iraq which left him burned over 80% of his body and talks about his struggles and his success after the accident.



**Sharon Flake** the author of *The Skin I'm In*, is a multiple winner of the *Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent* for children's literature.

She tackles hard issues such as bullying and self esteem among youth. She has sold more than a million copies of her young adult and children's books and will be a featured author at the *Joint Conference of Librarians of Color* October, 18-22, 2012 in Kansas City.



The library will continue to acquire autographed books from celebrities, "famous authors and not so famous" authors as the date for the celebration nears.

If you would like to donate your autographed book, please contact Elizabeth Jean Brumfield at 713-790-7282 or contact the 25th Anniversary Committee Chair, Marion William at 936-261-1536.

Please keep watching for further announcements on the Coleman Library's website :<http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/3585.asp> and the NWHC website.: <http://pantherconnect.com/northwest/>

## Adopt a Classroom (continued)



Tiffany Allen delivers school supplies to NWHC student and first awardee of the Adopt a Classroom project, teacher Monique Dorsett at High School Ahead Academy. Below students thanked the NWHC and posed for a class picture with Tiffany.





## Financial Aid Information

### Loan Programs:

The Budget Control Act of 2011 was signed on August 2, 2011 and some of its provisions impact student loans offered at PVAMU. These changes WILL NOT affect the amount of loan funding available.

- Graduate students are no longer eligible to receive subsidized loans. Effective for loans made for payment periods that begin on or after July 1, 2012, graduate students are no longer eligible to receive subsidized loans. However, graduate students still qualify for up to \$20,500 in unsubsidized loans each year.
- All subsidized loans made to undergraduate students will have a fixed interest rate of 6.8%. Effective for loans made for payment periods that begin on or after July 1, 2012. The current rate is 3.4%.
- The U.S. Department of Education can no longer offer borrowers repayment incentives. Effective for loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2012, the Department of Education is prohibited from offering any repayment incentives to Direct Loan borrowers, except interest rate reductions to borrowers who agree to have payments automatically electronically debited from their bank accounts.
- Direct Subsidized loans will not be eligible for an interest subsidy during the six month grace period. Subsidized loans are loans for which the borrower is not responsible for the interest while the student is enrolled in college on at least a half-time basis, when the loan is in the six month grace period after the student is no longer enrolled at least half-time, or if the loan or loans are in a deferment status. This provision eliminates the interest subsidy provided during the six-month grace period for subsidized loans for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2012 and before July 1, 2014. If student receives a subsidized loan during this timeframe, the student will be responsible for the interest that accrues while the loan is in the grace.

### Grant Programs:

The U.S. Department of Education recently established new regulations, which reduce the duration of a student's eligibility to receive a Federal Pell Grant from 18 full-time semesters to 12 full-time semesters. If a student exceeds the 12 semesters maximum, the student will lose eligibility for additional Pell Grants beginning in the 2012-13 school year. Please contact the Financial Aid office for more information: 936-261-1000

## Nursing Information Session@ NWHC



The College of Nursing has produced many distinguished graduates who have received local, regional, and national recognition for their accomplishments as professional nurses.

The exemplary performance of Prairie View A&M College of Nursing graduates has earned them positions in many capacities to include staff nurses, inventors, occupational health nurses, researchers, tenured professors, schools of nursing administrators, entrepreneurs, and CEOs of major companies, to name a few

The College of Nursing held an Information Session at the NWHC on August 10, 2012. For more information on future sessions please visit the College of Nursing website: <http://www.pvamu.edu/nursing>

## S.P.I.T. Lecture Series

**Students Participating In Transcendent Knowledge (S.P.I.T. Knowledge)** is a modern day twist to the traditional college lecture series programs. This program will offer a diverse genre of speakers to our students and surrounding community to inform and stimulate interests that otherwise may not have been aroused in a traditional classroom setting. Students will receive first hand knowledge from presenters who have an enormous ability to communicate with the younger "hip-hop" generation and have a message to share that is of importance to this group.

Special Programs serves the institution by providing year round prevention and education service. Students, as well the community, are challenged to review their lifestyles and make healthier decisions. The Cultural Series invites the university and surrounding areas to expand their minds and deepen their perspectives on topics which may be controversial and new to some. Through this vehicle, students are exposed to topics that otherwise may not have been expounded upon but are of importance to other genres; there is actually another world outside of PVAMU!

All programs are held in the **Willie A. Tempton Sr. Memorial Student Center Opal Johnson-Smith Auditorium Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.** Reception follows the program.

Please contact **Isis R. McCraw, Program Coordinator** at: [saprograms@pvamu.edu](mailto:saprograms@pvamu.edu), for more information about these and other programs.



**September 25, 2012**  
**Roland S. Martin**

A nationally syndicated columnist with *Creators Syndicate*, Mr. Roland S. Martin is the author of *Listening to the Spirit Within: 50 Perspectives on Faith, and Speak, Brother! A Black Man's View of America*, and his newest book, *The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House*. Mr. Roland S. Martin is a commentator for TV One Cable Network and host of "**Washington Watch with Roland Martin**," a one-hour Sunday morning news show. He is also a CNN Analyst, appearing on a variety of the network's shows. In October 2008, he

joined the **Tom Joyner Morning Show** as senior analyst. Named by **Ebony Magazine** in 2008, 2009 and 2010 as one of the **150 Most Influential African Americans** in the United States, Roland S. Martin is the 2009 winner of the **NAACP Image Award for Best Interview for "In Conversation: The Michelle Obama Interview."** Roland S. Martin biography retrieved from website: <http://www.aeispeakers.com/speakerbio.php?>

**October 9, 2012**  
**Dewey Bozella**

Dewey Bozella is a former amateur boxer who is best known for being imprisoned for a conviction which was eventually overturned. Bozella served 26 years in prison before his conviction was overturned in 2009. On October 28, 2009, after being released from custody, Bozella began working with youths at a local gym in Newburgh, New York. At the gym, which is now closed, he worked with teenagers teaching them about boxing and about the dangers of joining gangs. He frequently visits various organizations to deliver speeches about his life experiences.





## S.P.I.T. Lecture Series



**November 13, 2012**

**Eric Thomas**

Eric Thomas B.S., M.S., PhD (candidate), CEO and Founder. Renown speaker, educator, author, activist and minister, is rising to National prominence by delivering high energy messages that encourage people to live up to their full potential by breaking the cycles of crime, hopelessness and despair that many face daily. Known for his engagingly personal approach, his messages are both dynamic and inspiring. Formerly a high school dropout, he obtained his Masters degree in 2005 and is presently pursuing his PhD in Education Administration at Michigan State University. Eric Thomas biography retrieved from website: <http://etinspires.com/>

**February 12, 2013**

**Minnijean Brown Trickey**

Minnijean Brown Trickey was only sixteen years old when she became involved in one of the most pivotal acts of the American Civil Rights Movement of the 20th century.

As one of *The Little Rock Nine*, she along with eight other Black American teenagers, defied death threats, hostile white demonstrators, and even the Arkansas National Guard, to attend the all-white *Little Rock Central High* in 1957. Rising above the adversity, she took a courageous step that not only changed her life and education, but the lives and educations of African Americans around the country.

Minnijean Brown Trickey biography retrieved from website: [http://www.nwhp.org/whm/trickey\\_bio.php](http://www.nwhp.org/whm/trickey_bio.php)



**March 12, 2013**

**Rebekka Armstrong**



Armstrong appeared in Playboy's September 1986 issue, and tested positive for HIV in 1989. When she made her public announcement in 1994, she became (along with Magic Johnson) one of the best-known public faces of heterosexual HIV transmission.

She is now an HIV/AIDS awareness activist and safer sex educator, and a spokeswoman for several HIV-related charity groups. She has also become a competitive bodybuilder, and placed first in the middleweight category of the 2004 Los Angeles Bodybuilding and Figure Championship.

Rebekka Armstrong biography retrieved from website: <http://rebekkaonline.net/>

## Graduate Scholarships



Below is a list of possible scholarships for graduate students prepared by the Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarship. For more information contact the office or visit the website: <http://pvamu.edu/pages/7617.asp>

### **Minne Stevens Piper Foundation Fund**

Full-time, U.S. Citizen or permanent U.S. Resident (Texas resident)

### **The Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship**

U.S. Citizen  
3.2 cumulative GPA as Undergraduate

### **College of Business Faculty Scholarship**

MBA or MSA majors  
3.25 cumulative GPA

### **Illinois Tools Wk. Scholarship Fund**

MBA or MSA majors  
3.25 cumulative GPA

### **Mary Lee Hodge Scholarship Fund**

MBA or MSA majors  
3.25 cumulative GPA

### **Scholarship for Excellence**

Full-time MBA or MS Accounting majors  
3.25 cumulative GPA

### **Dr. Bill E. Orman Graduate Fellowship**

U.S. Citizen  
Educational Leadership majors  
4.0 semester GPA / 3.5 cumulative GPA

### **Roy G. Perry College of Engineering**

**Dr. Thomas & Margaret Fogarty Scholarship**  
College of Engineering majors  
3.0 GPA

### **Schlumberger Collegiate Award**

General Engineering or Mechanical Engineering majors  
3.5 cumulative GPA

### **Texas Energy Council [www.txenergycouncil.org](http://www.txenergycouncil.org)**

U.S. Citizen  
Engineering majors  
3.2 cumulative GPA

### **College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology**

#### **Honorable Craig A. Washington Scholarship**

U.S. Citizen or permanent U.S. Resident;  
Full time College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology majors  
3.5 cumulative GPA as Undergraduate,  
(if there is no history of Graduate work)

### **College of Nursing**

#### **A. J. Jones Graduate Nursing Scholarship**

Texas resident  
Nursing majors  
3.0 minimum GPA;  
Submit 2 letters of recommendation from Nursing faculty.



## Fall Career Fair—All Majors—Main Campus

# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY FALL 2012 CAREER FAIR

**September 19**

All majors & Graduate/Professional Schools

10:00am – 3:00 pm

Willie A. Tempton MSC Ballroom

**September 20**

Science Technology Engineering Math  
(STEM) Career Fair

10:00am – 3:00 pm

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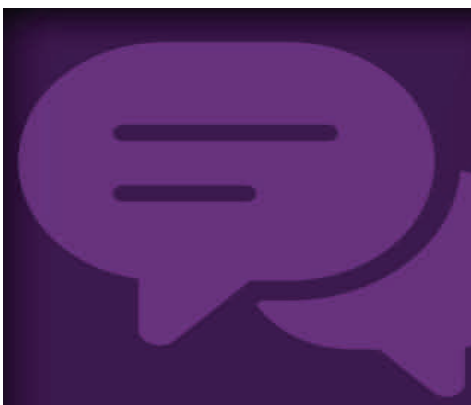
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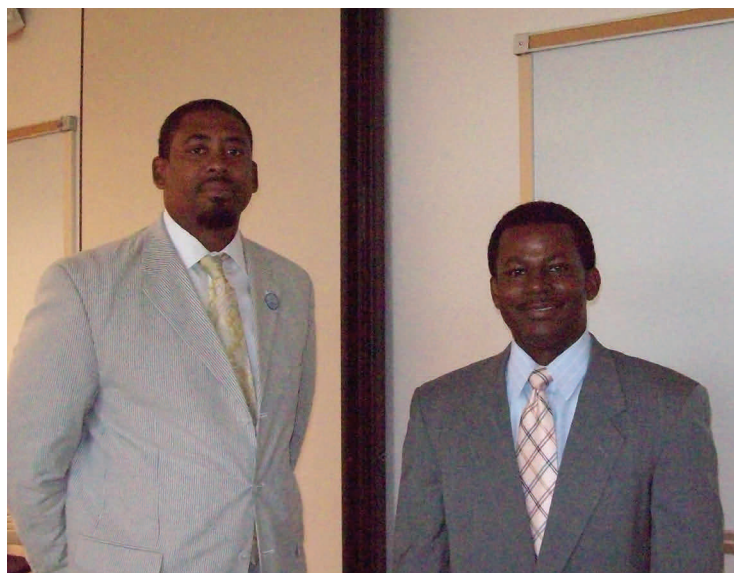
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### Cultivating a Culture of Philanthropy



In preparation for the launch of the university's 1st ***Student Giving Campaign*** this fall, the office of Student Affairs and Institutional Advancement hosted two on-campus fundraising workshops titled, "***Creating a Culture of Philanthropy on Campus***," the first workshop was held at the NWHC. Guest speaker, Marcus Burgess, former Annual Fund Director at Claflin University and now Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Voorhees College, facilitated the training.

Mr. Burgess is recognized nationally as a leader in the fundraising field having successfully led Claflin's \$100,000 ***Student Giving Campaign***. He also played a pivotal role in assisting Claflin grow its alumni giving rate which reached an all-time high of 45% . (Campus Announcements, August 10, 2012).

Pictured with Mr. Marcus Burgess is Nelson Bowman, Executive Director of Development

### HBCU Faculty Development Network Conference, October 18-20, 2012

The **19th Annual HBCU Faculty Development Network Conference** will be held in Orlando, Florida , October 18-20, 2012 . With this year's conference theme: "***Innovating and Inspiring in a Global World***," we invite and challenge our HBCU Faculty Development Network colleagues to develop new ideas and ways of thinking about innovation in teaching and at the same time inspire our students to perform to their optimal level of scholarship.

Prairie View A&M University presenters/presentations include the following:

**Nripendra Sarker**—*Engaging all together in the classroom*

**William Ross**—*The inclusion of the iPad in post secondary classroom instruction*

**Elizabeth Brumfield**—*Games versus tutorials in literacy instruction*

**Douglas Butler**—*Research implications follow-up: Impacting response to intervention (RTI) Reading and Writing*

**John Gardner**—*A non-traditional gateway mathematics course for a new generation of students*

**Donald Collins**—*Critical qualitative research*



## Executive MBA Program @ NWHC



### Executive MBA Program Highlights

- **Program** - A two-year program for managers and executives.
- **Degree** - Executive MBA participants complete 36 credit hours (12 courses) and earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Prairie View A&M University.
- **Courses** - Courses are eight (8) weeks.
- **Class Meetings** - Classes meet on alternate Saturdays during the fall, spring and summer semesters
- **Location**- Classes are taught in northwest Houston at the PVAMU Northwest Houston Center located near FM 1960 and SH 249 (Tomball Parkway) at 9449 Grant Road.
- **Capstone Project** - This course spans two semesters and allows students to bring learning from the EM-BA program to bear on a final real world project. The project topic must be original and have a practical application in their area of interest – oil and gas, energy, commercialization of technology, health care administration, and other critical areas. Students may be partnered with a professional or peer mentor in their industry to complete this project
- **International Field Trip** - Interested students have the opportunity to participate in a study immersion experience in China prior to their final semester in the program. The costs of the field trip are included in the program tuition.
- **Costs** - Program costs for classes beginning fall 2012 and spring 2013 is \$36,252 (\$3,021 per course
- **Financial Assistance** - Financial assistance may be available to eligible students
- **Accreditation**- All degree programs offered through the College of Business at Prairie View A&M University are accredited by AACSB International; this is a third-party accreditation that “ensures students that the business school is providing a top-quality education.”

For information, contact: Dr. Daniel Perez (936) 261-9223 or Dr. John Dyck (936) 261-9217  
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## Dean's Corner Welcome Back!



### Welcome Back!

I trust that you had a wonderful Summer.

As an educator, I am always so thrilled and excited to start a new academic year. The 2012-2013 academic year is underway and we are off to an excellent start.

On September 29, 2012 the Northwest Houston Center (NWHC) will celebrate the 2nd anniversary of its official opening. Since moving into this facility, the NWHC staff has worked to expand our programs and services to meet the educational needs of the NW Houston area.

The following degree programs are approved and currently being offered at the NWHC.

#### Undergraduate

Bachelor of Business Administration – Marketing  
Bachelor of Business Administration – General  
Bachelor of Business Administration – Accounting  
Bachelor of Arts – Communication  
Bachelor of Arts – Sociology  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing –(RN-BSN)  
Bachelor of Science – Construction Science (Spring 2013)

#### Graduate

Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)  
Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Administration  
Master of Science – Accounting  
Master of Arts – Counseling  
Master of Education – Educational Administration  
Master of Community Development

Please help us recruit well qualified students by sharing the above list of programs with your family, friends and colleagues.

Scholarships are available for those who qualify! For more information visit our website <http://pantherconnect.com/northwest/>.

In the weeks ahead you will see the installation of 3 new SMART Instructional Classrooms and a new Fitness Facility at the NWHC. We are also planning a number of activities to help us be more civically and socially responsible. These activities include a voter's registration drive, a blood drive and a food drive. Of course you don't want to miss Homecoming Week 2012 (October 15-18, 2012) at the NWHC. There will be plenty of food, fun, prizes and surprises for the entire family. I look forward to seeing you there!

Prairie View Produces Productive People and we are **PROUD** to continue that legacy in the NW Houston area.

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