The Northwest Houston Center staff took part in the 4th Annual Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce (HNWCC) Passport to Your Future on February 22, 2013 at the Lonestar University Park campus.

Michelle Davis, Administrative Assistant (center-right), Tiffany Allen, Information Resource Specialist (center-left), Corliss Booker, Computer Lab Technician (left), Valerie Mendoza, Customer Service Coordinator (right), and LeWebster Lacy, Web Content Specialist (not pictured—photographer) help to make the event a huge success.

The event is coordinated by the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Education and Workforce Development Committee.
Dr. Michael McFrazier, Dean and Vice Provost, serves as Co-Chair of the Workforce Committee.

Passport to Your Future provides an opportunity for students to learn more about various career clusters. This year’s forum focused on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and Health clusters.

During the event students had an opportunity to learn from college level STEM instructors, receive relevant career path information and engage in career cluster related activities.

Dr. Felecia M. Nave, Associate Provost & Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (pictured top right) lead an Engineering session with the Harmony Starter Point students (top right).

Other sessions included Environmental Science, Cardiologist for a Day and the Physics of Magic.

Other universities and colleges represented included: Sam Houston and Texas Southern University, University of Houston, Lonestar College and PVAMU College of Nursing.

Pictured below: Dr. Isaac Smith, Assistant Professor, Director, Human Patient Simulation Lab demonstrates to students how to listen to a heart beat using a simulated patient.
For as long as I can remember, I’ve lived my life by following a quote I once read which said, “climb high, reach far, your goal is the sky, your aim is the stars”. This quote has inspired me to keep reaching for the things that I truly want out of life and to not stop reaching until I finally have whatever it is in my possession.

One of the goals that I’ve been trying to reach since I was in elementary school is that I’ve wanted to one-day become a community counselor. As though it was just yesterday, I vividly remember my elementary school counselor coming into my 4th grade social studies class with a large mirror on wheels, and asking each of us students to stand in front of the mirror and say what we see ourselves becoming when we become adults. That day I told my counselor that one-day I would become a counselor just like her. However, at that time, I didn’t know what type of counselor I wanted to be but I knew that I wanted to help others.

My dream of becoming a counselor is still a work in progress, however, it’s coming closer and closer to becoming a reality thanks to the education I’ve been receiving at Prairie View A&M’s Northwest Houston Center. Since graduating with my undergraduate degree in Psychology in 2007, I’ve worked in the field of human resources in both the public accounting industry and the oil and gas services industry. In 2011, I finally decided that it was time that I start moving in the direction of pursuing my personal goals, and I enrolled in the Masters in Counseling program at the university’s Northwest Houston Center where I have attended all of my courses to this date. I chose to enroll in this program because not only was it located in the community in which I lived and worked, but it was also the only university in Houston and the surrounding areas that offered a competitive master’s degree program in counseling for working adults.

While pursuing this degree, I have continued to work full-time in the field of human resources. I’m currently employed in the public accounting industry for one of the ‘Big Four’ accounting firms and I support our audit professionals for the firm’s Gulf Coast region. I enjoy this line of business and by working in this field I get the opportunity to utilize many of the skills that I learn while being a student in the PVAMU counseling program.

I have had a phenomenal experience as a graduate student at PVAMU. From the first time I stepped foot on campus at the Northwest Houston Center for a Saturday open house in the summer of 2011, I’ve felt welcomed and felt connected to the main campus in Prairie View. I look forward to walking into the doors of the Northwest Houston Center each week because I get the opportunity to see the faces of the amazing staff and faculty that I see work hard to ensure that my experience at PVAMU is nothing other than exceptional. I can truly say that I’m proud to be a PVAMU Panther and I make sure that everyone I come in contact with knows that.

I’m currently scheduled to graduate with my Master’s in Counseling degree in December 2013. At that point, I plan to pursue the opportunity to obtain my Licensed Professional Counselor certification, so that I can finally reach the stars and become a counselor as I had envisioned myself becoming ever since elementary school when my counselor brought the large mirror into our classroom. In the mean time, I will continue to aim for the stars and continue taking advantage of the Masters in Counseling program at PVAMU which in my eyes does an outstanding job at not only ensuring that their students get the education needed to one day have a successful career in the field of counseling, but most importantly provides their students with the skills needed to ensure that they are prepared to one day improve the lives of others. I know that in three, going on four semesters that I’ve been a graduate student at PVAMU, I’ve learned a great deal about how to be successful in the field of counseling as well as how to work in an ever-changing environment.

I’m definitely one PVAMU Panther that feels confident in my future thanks to the education I’ve received and continue to receive at PVAMU!
NWHC Student Spotlight—Courtney Caesar

My name is Courtney Caesar. I have recently been admitted to the Educational Administration Masters Degree program there at the Northwest Campus. I am a graduate of Texas Woman's University where I majored in Dietetics and Institutional Administration. I went on to complete my internship and become a Registered and Licensed Dietitian. While interning I worked full-time at Texas Children's Hospital and maintained a 3.5 GPA in my graduate coursework at Texas Woman's graduate campus in Houston. I have maintained my state Licensure and Registration and have worked as a Dietitian for 9 years.

In 2011 I decided to obtain my teaching certification. As a wife and mother of 3 children I was highly disappointed by what I had observed in the public school system, and purposed to make a difference. As of today, I am in my second year of teaching. I currently instruct 9th-12th graders interested in health careers. I teach the Pharmacy Technician and Clinical Rotations programs. Teaching is a natural, God given quality that I possess, and one that I truly enjoy and love. However, as fulfilling as the classroom is, I still desire to impact the educational system in a greater way. Obtaining a Masters degree in Educational Administration would afford me the opportunity to advance higher in the educational system, and impact a greater number of students. I am self-motivated, determined and driven. I am strongly grounded in my faith in God, and attribute all of my successes and triumphs to Him.

Favorite Quote: “. . . faith without works is dead.” (James 2:26)

NWHC Student Spotlight—Shun Colter

Shun Colter, a current graduate student at Prairie View A&M University majoring in Counseling, is “Houston’s New Actor to Watch.” Colter, (also known as stage name Shun Lauren), has been acting, singing, and print modeling since the age of eight years old. Born in Dallas, Texas but raised in Port Huron, Michigan, Shun took a strong liking to the arts. Starting with performing the National Anthem at local games and competing in talent shows in Michigan, Shun was scouted by a local acting teacher and started performing in theatre productions and commercials.

At the tender age of thirteen, he also did print modeling for JC Penneys, New Yorker Kid, and Macy’s. He is also making his way into films such as “Jook Joint Blues,” directed by Lorie Mitchell, which premiered last year at the Houston Alamo Theater. He currently can be seen as a featured model in an ad for Houston’s Discovery Park.

Not only is he a year away from completing his masters at Prairie View A&M University, but this talented actor can be seen in the upcoming production of “A Heart Is A House,” on June 22, 2013. “A Heart Is A House,” directed by Keitha Green and Derek Ashford (Green Ashes Entertainment), details the lives of an African American family, that deals with the struggles of mental illness and how it can either bring a family close or tear the family apart.
National Library Week Book/Bake Sale

What’s better than a book?
Two books and a cupcake!!!

Celebrate National Library Week
@ PVAMU
Northwest Houston Center
4th Annual Book & Bake Sale
April 15-20, 2013

Highlights:
• Guest Authors & Book Signings
• Silent auction
• Gourmet cupcakes

For more information please contact Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, 713-790-7282, ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu or Valerie Mendoza Milan, 713-790-7281, vmmendoza@pvamu.edu. For person needing assistance x 3585.
Northwest Houston Chamber of Commerce Diamonds & Ice Gala

Northwest Houston Center was well represented at the Northwest Houston Chamber of Commerce 39th Annual Diamonds & Ice Gala.

The Gala is the Chamber’s premier fundraising event and benefits the Economic Development Initiative, a program designed to realize specific activities to support the community. Financial support helps ensure the continued economic development and civic health of the Northwest Houston community.

The group picture above includes: Fred Washington (left), Elizabeth Jean Brumfield (center), Valerie Mendoza (center right), Michelle Davis (right), and Tiffany Allen (far right).

Prairie View A&M University has offered courses in the northwest area for over 25 years and has seen the expansion of the corporate, medical and educational community. Supporting the Northwest Chamber of Commerce is an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to empower and educate the growing number of residents in the area.

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The Northwest Houston Chamber of Commerce Gala featured the acrobats of Cirque Tacular a group out of New York. The acrobatics are a display of artistry and athleticism.

The highlight of the night was the balloon performance which began with inflating the balloon to a point where it was used as a prop then continued with the performer totally immersed in the balloon.
Black History Month & Women’s History Month

The Northwest Houston Center celebrated Black History month with a series of family and community oriented activities. The theme for 2013 as selected by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History was: “At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington”.

The NWHC kicked off the month with a history display and Black History Contest documenting the women involved in the March. The history contest was designed to encourage all to research and remember the names of the famous and not so famous women who dedicated their time and resources promoting equality. Prairie View A&M University student Regina McKensie won a $50 gift card as winner of the history contest.

Guest speakers included Billy Glasco, Archivist from the Gregory School (pictured above). Mr. Glasco provided information on the African American Library at the Gregory School. The first of its kind and one of the few totally African American libraries in the country. The Gregory School serves as a resource to preserve, promote, and celebrate the history of African Americans in Houston and the surrounding region.

Jean Hervey, representing the A. Philip Randolph Institute and the SEIU Workers Union, discussed the legacy of one of the greatest black labor leaders in American history and the father of the civil rights movement, A. Philip Randolph.
The theme for Women’s History Month was: “Celebrating women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.” Students participated in several informal, unique and educational activities including a database presentation by Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian, on Euromonitor International market analysis and statistical software, Passport©. The database provides market data and analysis for industries around the world.

Kim Raby from Healing Hanz, Inc. provided free massages and consultations. Students learned how massage can lead to better posture and circulation as well as relieving back and joint pain.

Yoga was also included in the Women’s History month events caring over the concept of health and wellness. Bethany Tschaeppe, Reference and Instructional Librarian for the John B. Coleman Library, a former group fitness instructor at the University of Illinois and a Beachbody coach, conducted the class. The NWHC intends to incorporate fitness, health and wellness as a monthly activity and looks forward to the installation of the new NWHC fitness center.

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ASALH National Luncheon 2013

Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, was one of several featured authors at the Annual ASALH Luncheon.

Ms. Brumfield (far left) is the author of a historical genealogy entitled: An Ordinary Man: Black Power in Overalls, an accounting of personal struggle and discrimination in the Trade Unions.

ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History) are the founders of Black History month. Each year the theme focuses on a different aspect of African American history. The year 2013 marks two important anniversaries in the history of African Americans and the United States, The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863, and The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, 1963, where Dr. Martin Luther King gave his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. Highlights of the event included an array of cultural exhibits (pictured left), authors, a reading of a proclamation from the White House, a video of the First Lady, Michelle Obama, congratulating ASALH and a special presentation by guest speaker Mary Frances Berry, former Assistant Secretary of Education and U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (above center-left picture).

20th National HBCU Faculty Development Network

The HBCU Faculty Development Network is hosting its 20th National Conference October 24-26, 2013 in New Orleans, LA. We cordially invite you to submit a proposal for presentation.

The theme this year is Relevance • Pedagogy • Assessment • Sustainability encompasses the missions and strategic plans of many universities.

Proposal submissions should reflect the following:
- programs that address the relevance of institutional curricular offerings in a global society;
- effective teaching and learning strategies that you are currently involved in at your institutions;
- effective assessment of student learning outcomes, and
- innovative or model academic programs that are sustainable.

Presentations should relate to any one of the following strands:
- Collaborative Models of Teaching;
- Assessment and Evaluation;
- Active Learning and Engagement;
- Curriculum Design and Revision;
- Learning Across the Curriculum and Learning Communities;
- Instructional/Educational Technology;
- Civic Engagement and Social Justice;
- Diversity and Globalization (9) and Special Topics that include a variety of academic disciplines.

For additional information on the strands and on how to submit your proposals, please visit the website at http://www.hbcufdn.org.
### Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

**Prairie View A&M University**  
**Office of Multicultural Affairs**  
**Celebrates**  
**Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month**

**April 15 – 26, 2013**

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For Special Assistance please call Extension 3585  
*Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs*
**2013 Good Brick Award—Anna Mod**

Anna Mod, a historic preservation specialist and architectural historian based in SWCA’s Houston office, received a Good Brick Award from Preservation Houston in February 2013. She received the Martha Peterson Award for her community service and contributions to historic preservation in Houston, including volunteering, mentoring, and publications. Anna is an adjunct professor at Prairie View A&M University and a board member of the Arch Foundation of AIA Houston and Texas Dance Hall Preservation. She has authored articles and technical publications for Cite, Texas Architect, and the National Trust. Her first book, Building Modern Houston, was published in 2012.

Good Brick Awards have been given since 1979 to recognize local contributions to the preservation, restoration, and enhancement of Houston’s architectural and cultural heritage.

For more information view the website: http://e2.ma/message/b0tpe/fj3wie.

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**NWHC Recycles**

The Northwest Houston Center encourages recycling. It helps the environment, saves energy and valuable resources.

Studies have shown that:

- More than 60% of the rubbish that ends up in trash bins can be recycled.
- Aluminum cans can be recycled completely and put to use in a short time.
- Glass can be recycled 100% and reused.
- Glass products which end up in landfills do not decompose at all.
- Plastics, which can often be recycled, take around 500 years to decompose.
- One recycled tin can saves enough energy to power a television for 3 hours.
- It has been observed that 24 trees are cut down to make one ton of paper.
- When you recycle one glass bottle, it can save enough energy to power a personal computer for 25 minutes.

Pictured: Valerie Mendoza, Customer Service Coordinator (left) and Corliss Booker, Computer Lab Technician.
Future NWHC Events

Yoga

Join fellow students, faculty and staff for monthly yoga session with certified Yoga Instructor and PVAMU, John B. Coleman librarian, Beth Tschaepe.

Dates—To be Announced—

Contact Elizabeth Jean Brumfield at 713-790-7282, ejbrumfield@pvamu or Valerie Mendoza at 713-790-7281, vmmendoza@pvamu.edu

Financial Literacy

Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

This is achieved through the collaboration and coordinated effort of hundreds of organizations across the country including businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries government agencies and the media. These groups come together once a year to stress the importance of financial literacy, inform consumers about where they can get help and provide free educational seminars and activities throughout the week.

The NWHC will host an informal financial literacy sessions in the front lobby, provided by Primerica representatives, Ashley Styles and Nicholas Bracy on April 24th, at 5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Transfer Days

Transfer Days: April 27th, June 15th, July 20th, August 10th

These information sessions are designed to acquaint you with Prairie View A&M University. Meet with our faculty and administrators: discuss our academic programs, additional college scholarships and co-op and internship opportunities.

For more information: Valerie Mendoza, 713-790-7281 or Office of Recruitment, 936-261-1081.
Augmented Reality—New Technology Coming to NWHC

The John B. Coleman Library and the NWHC Distance Library Services received approval from the Texas State Libraries and Archives Commission to begin a Library Mobile Project that will enable the library to improve access to the collection as well as offer additional communication and search features for mobile users.

Recent studies show that mobile technology is changing the digital ecosystem as more users are passing on the classic web (computers) in favor of smart phones and tablets. Other notable trends in mobile technology include the use of video capture, and changes in searching strategies. It is estimated that 3 out of 5 people now use their phones for taking pictures. In addition to enhancing the Coleman Library’s mobile presence the library will launch a pilot project using Augmented Reality software.

An augmented reality system generates a composite view for the user. It is a combination of the real scene and a virtual scene generated by the computer that augments the scene with additional information, camera images can be overlaid with multimedia content, audio, video, and 3D models. (http://www.se.rit.edu/~jrv/research/ar/introduction.html).

The Coleman Library has selected Fanggle® for this project. Fanggle® is a communications solution that enables public and academic libraries to open a new and efficient communications channel to library constituents through mobile website and library.

Dr. Rosie Albritton, Director, of Library Services, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian, Karl Henson, Electronic Services Librarian, members of the Distance Services Committee, Northwest Houston Center faculty and staff are excited about the possibilities that the new technology offers.

Plans are underway to use the technology to enhance a users experience when viewing books on the history of Prairie View A&M University and the city itself. Images and sound recordings can be attached to the various books so that the user gets a total multi-media experience just by

Students at the main campus and NWHC 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.

Project Director, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian, please contact if requesting more information.

Funding for the John B. Coleman Library Mobile Project is by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
Important Dates

**Academic Calendar – Spring 2013**

April 12, Friday, Graduation Application Deadline for SUMMER 2013 AND FALL 2013

April 29-30, Monday-Tuesday, Course Review Day [Classes must convene and instructors will prepare students for Final Exams]

April 30, Tuesday, Last Class Day for Spring Semester
Last Day to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses) for the Spring 2013 Semester

May 1 - 7, Wednesday-Tuesday, Final Examination Period

May 7, Tuesday, Final Grades due for Graduating Candidates

May 11, Saturday, Commencement

May 14, Tuesday, Final Grades Due for All Other Students

**Academic Calendar – Summer 2013**

May 27, Monday
Memorial Day Holiday (University Closed)

May 30, Thursday
Dining Hall and Student Housing Opens
Regular Registration (First and Second 5 and 10 week sessions)

June 3, Monday, Instruction Begins, Late Registration, and Add/Drop Period (First 5 and 10 week sessions)
LAST DAY for Late Registration, Add Courses, Change Major/Certification or any Matriculation Change (First 5 and 10 week sessions) – Web Registration Closed

June 6, Thursday, Census Date (4th Class Day: First 5 and 10 week sessions) LAST DAY to Drop Course(s) without academic Record (First 5 and 10 week sessions), Late Deadline to apply for Summer 2013 graduation

June 7, Friday, Withdrawal from Courses with academic record (“W”) Begins (First 5 and 10 week sessions)

June 21, Friday, 15th Class Day

July 1, Monday, Withdrawal from Courses with academic record (“W”) Ends (First 5 week session)

July 4, Thursday, Independence Day (Observed-University closed)

July 5, Friday, LAST DAY to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses) (First 5 week session) First Summer Term Ends (First 5 week session)

July 8, Monday Final Examination (First 5 week session)
LAST DAY for Registration, Add Courses, Change Major/Certification or any Matriculation Change (Second 5 week session) – Web Registration Closed

July 9, Tuesday, Instruction Begins (Second 5 week session)

July 11, Thursday, Final Grades Due for First 5 week sessions

July 12, Friday, Census Date (4th Class Day – Second 5 week sessions)
LAST DAY to Drop Course(s) without academic Record

July 15, Monday, Withdrawal from Courses with academic record (“W”) Begins (Second 5 week session)

July 29, Monday, 15th Class Day- Second 5 week sessions

August 6, Tuesday, Withdrawal from Courses with academic record (“W”) Ends (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)

August 12, Monday, LAST DAY to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses) (Second 5 and 10 week sessions) Second Summer Term Ends (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)

August 13-14, Tuesday - Wednesday
Final Exams for All Students (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)

August 14, Wednesday, Final Grades Due for Graduating Candidates

August 17, Saturday Commencement

August 20, Tuesday, Final Grades Due for All Other Students
Dean’s Corner Spring 2013

Spring is Here!

As an educator, the Spring has always been my favorite time of the year as it always signifies for me completion of the old and emergence of the new. Graduation season is upon us and many educational institutions are making plans to confer diplomas and degrees.

On May 11, 2013 Prairie View A&M University will celebrate and present to the world its newest academic degree recipients.

The Spring 2013 Commencement Exercises will be held on the PVAMU Main Campus in the William “Billy” Nicks Sr. Health and Physical Education Building. For the first time in the history of PVAMU, three commencement ceremonies will be held all on one day. The times and ceremonies are as follows:

8:30 a.m.    Ceremony for the Graduate School
12:00 p.m.   Ceremony for Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, Whitlowe R. Green College of Education and Roy G. Perry College of Engineering
3:00 p.m.    Ceremony for College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, School of Architecture, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology and College of Nursing

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Shadawn McCants, 2011 NWHC Scholarship Recipient & NWHC Ambassador, will graduate having completed all of her courses at the PV-NWHC located at 9449 Grant Road. According to our records, she is the first student to do so. Ms. McCants will receive her Master of Arts in Counseling.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. McCants for her hard work and dedication. I want to also thank the faculty and administration from the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education and the staff at the PVAMU – NWHC for their support.

Just like the Spring, the PVAMU-NWHC is emerging and doing its part to Produce Proud, Productive Panthers.