



Spring 2015 Newsletter

We were off and running as the New Year (2015) began! And, we are ecstatic to announce the success of our 2nd annual fundraising bowling event (Bowling Strikes for Education) which took place Saturday, January 24, 2015. The event was well attended with over 70 bowlers and generously sponsored by friends of TPOS, including:

- Stage Stores (Palais Royal)
- Kroger
- South Dallas Smiles
- A Niche' for Décor
- EDP Engineers
- Hour Trained Bodies, LLC
- Healing Hands Therapy & Wellness
- The Hall Family

This year, “Bowling Strikes for Education” secured the birth of our Academic Scholarship Program. With board approval, it was unanimously decided to offer participants an opportunity to compete for the first annual “David Brown – B. James Noel Sr. Scholarship.” Three schools were selected as target locations (Wheatley, Worthing, and Yates High Schools) to promote post-secondary participation in the schools attended by the scholarship’s namesakes and our founder. Completed applications are due Friday, April 24, 2015 and recipients will be notified by the second week in May. One student will be selected from each campus and the guidelines require that each one attend college at a Houston area four-year university in the Summer or Fall of 2015.

The Three Recipients will be featured in our Summer 2015 Newsletter.

Board of Directors:

Dr. Karla Brown – Founder/Executive Director
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Graduation in five years is the key!



GREAT NEWS!!!

Help TPOS Welcome its Newest Board Member:

Ms. Traniece Warren Brown

| Events Calendar: 2015 | January: Client Programs Board Meeting 15 th Bowling Strikes for Education (Annual Fundraiser) 24 th | February: Client Programs Internship Placement | March: Client Programs Board Meeting 10 th Internship Placement | April: Client Programs Scholarship Deadline 24 th Internship Placement | May: Client Programs Board Meeting 12 th | June/July: Client Programs Internship Updates |
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More ABOUT US...

The Providence on Southmore, Inc. (TPOS) a non-profit 501c3 organization in Houston, Texas has established itself as an organization aimed at assisting students attending universities in the Houston area with overcoming the obstacles that block many from completing their degree programs. Research supports the necessity for drastic efforts stating that the national graduation numbers for male students are unacceptable with African-American and Hispanic males falling nine percentage points lower than their female counterparts (College Board, 2010).

21% of African-American and 25.8% Hispanic students graduate within six years (Nationally) *Source: Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, 2011*

Mission Statement

The Providence on Southmore's Mission is to provide graduating high school students with support to ensure optimal conditions for completing their undergraduate degree programs within five years through: Post Secondary Planning/Placement, Degree Completion Support, Internships, Mentorships, Life-Coaching, and Volunteerships.

FUNDING:

The Providence on Southmore, Inc. staff members will match students with professionals that will serve as **mentors** that will direct their decision making as it relates to their area of professional interest. Mentors will commit to working with the matched student for the duration of the five-year program.

Students will have access to a **life coach** on a weekly basis to address the social issues (past/present) that exist and stand to hinder their goals. Students will gain and/or improve life-skills that will be instrumental in ensuring that optimal decisions are made to promote their success.

Academic assistance(tutorials) will be available to students to ensure that they are able to meet the demands of a full-time student. Individualized attention will be given to students by tutors to maximize their academic experience and to ensure that students maintain their schedule for completion.

An integral part of the program will be partnerships with local corporations in an effort to equip students with **internships** that will increase their employability upon graduation. Students will form relationships and gain experience in their areas of interest to build their networking capabilities.

In an effort to develop meaningful and positive connections with the community, **volunteerships** will be established. Students will select organizations to serve over the course of a twelve month period and will commit to one day per week.

QUOTE OF THE QUARTER:

Educating
the mind
without
educating the
heart is no
education
at all.
— Aristotle

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