



# Summer 2014 Newsletter

As the Summer 2014 comes to a close, The Providence on Southmore, Inc.'s staff and supporters are ecstatic about the strides we have made in the community. With the goal of ensuring that post-secondary education and graduation are the priority for every student we serve, we expanded our services during the Summer months, shared our progress on a local radio station, and began a new fundraising partnership.

Members of our Academic Support Team were able to provide individualized assistance to students seeking to recover credits for high school graduation through a partnership with Knowledge First Empowerment Academy. TPOS support members have compiled over 800 hours to date...

Additionally, TPOS was featured on Majic 102.1 FM's Sunday Morning Live on July 13, 2014, to discuss the organization's mission and to update the community on progress since our previous visit (July 2013). We were able to recruit new clients and garner the support of new volunteers who recognize the importance and value of the services we offer students.

Finally, TPOS volunteers registered with Aramark and NRG Stadium and completed the necessary requirements to volunteer during events as concession vendors. This project allowed the organization to begin an on-going relationship purposed to assist with raising much needed funds to support organizational programs.

It's been a busy summer, but there is still much to accomplish. TPOS will continue its recruitment efforts to insure that we surpass our 2014 goals for clients who are successfully served in the Houston and surrounding areas.

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## Graduation in five years is the key!



## GREAT NEWS!!!

**TPOS is proud to announce three new board members:**

**Dr. Isiah Brown, PhD**  
**Ms. Katrina LeVert, JD**  
**Mrs. Wendy Reece. M.B.A.**

Please visit our website to read complete bios for our new members at [www.theprovidence.org](http://www.theprovidence.org)

Events Calendar:	Januray:	February:	March:	April;	May:	June/July:
	Worthing HS 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , and 24 <sup>th</sup>	Worthing 13th	Worthing HS 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>	Worthing HS 4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	Worthing HS 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>	Knowledge First Acad.
	Board Meeting 11 <sup>th</sup>		Board Meeting 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wheatley HS 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wheatley HS 1 <sup>st</sup>	1st-30th
	Lucky Strikes for Singles 18 <sup>th</sup>		Madison HS 31 <sup>st</sup>		Board Meeting 17 <sup>th</sup>	

## 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:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

-Nelson Mandela

### Give Today!

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