



Spring 2014 Newsletter

As we reflect on 2013, The Providence on Southmore, Inc. is proud to report that in our first full year of service, we helped over 200 Houston Area students with post-secondary planning and placement, academic support, mentoring, life-coaching, and volunteerships. Through these programs clients were able to create their own Lifestyle Budgets so that they were able to compare their projected personal budgets with the salary of a person making minimum wage. This information has helped students realize the necessity for education above a high school diploma. Equipped with the newly learned information, students are then allowed to complete an Interest Inventory to help them make decisions regarding the amount of additional education they would need to afford their projected lifestyle. Also, clients have had the opportunity to develop cover letters and resumes to assist with current employment goals.

We are currently serving students in:

- Austin High School (Fort Bend ISD)
- Barbara Jordan High School (Houston ISD)
- Dawson High School (Pearland ISD)
- Houston Can Academy
- Madison High School (Houston ISD)
- Manvel High School (Alvin ISD)
- Wheatley High School (Houston ISD)
- Worthing High School (Houston ISD)
- Texas Southern University
- University of Texas-San Antonio

In 2014, we are on track to reach over 400 college and high school students in Houston and surrounding areas. Additionally, we are matching our first cohort of 10 college students with internships to ensure that they are receiving invaluable experience that will give them an advantage over their peers at the time of college graduation.

Board of Directors:

Dr. Karla Brown – Founder/Executive Director
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Dr. Isiah Brown
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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

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

“The future belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

-Malcolm X

Give Today!

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