



Spring 2016 Newsletter

The David Brown and B. James Noel Sr. Scholarship, in its 2nd year, is being offered to students at Wheatley, Worthing and Yates High Schools. The biographies of the scholarship's namesakes are below.



David Brown (1934 -2011)

David Brown was educated in the Houston Independent School District and was a member of Wheatley's class of 1953. He continued his education at Prairie View A&M University. He completed his Bachelor's Degree in Business in 1958. Upon graduation, David was drafted into the United States Army and served until 1960. After his honorable discharge, he continued to serve as a reservist for the next six years.

He married Marjorie Ann Johnson. To this union were born David Gerard Brown, Donald Gregory Brown (Deceased), Karla Davette and Kayla Yvette Brown.

In 1962, he began his career in education in North Forest Independent School District at Elmore High School. When Forest Brook High School opened its doors in 1972, he moved to that campus and became Head Football coach. During that time he completed his Master's Degree in Education Administration. He retired in 1998 after 36 years of service from central administration (Athletics Coordinator).



Pastor B. James Noel Sr.

B. James Noel Sr. is the proud pastor of LOVE Fellowship in Houston, Texas (1988 –Present). He has served on several committees in the Houston area including: Metropolitan One Church One Child, Aids Awareness Task Force, board member for Scottcrest Park Association and board member of the Houston Council on Aids. He has also served as Former 1st Vice Moderator of the South East Association, President of City Care Co-Op Ministry and a mentor for the Houston Independent School District. He also served in the United States Army from 1978 until he was honorably discharged in 1981. He is married to Minister Donna Noel, and they have 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

**The scholarships are funded through our annual
 "Bowling Strikes for Education"**

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Graduation within five years is the key!



GREAT NEWS!!!

**The Providence on Southmore, Inc. is
 planning its first 5K Run, Walk, Roll
 for the Fall of 2016!**

Details to follow....

Events Calendar: 2016	January Client Programs	February: Client Programs	March: Client Programs (Kashmere High School)	April: Client Programs	May: Client Programs
	Bowling Strikes for Education 30 th	Board Meeting 20 th	Distributed Scholarship Applications 1 st Board Meeting 24 th	Scholarship Applications Due 22 nd Board Meeting 9 th	Award Scholarships 15 th Board Meeting 21 st

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:

*“If your actions
inspire others to
dream more, learn
more, do more and
become more, you are
a leader.”*

-John Quincy Adams

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