# The Providence on Southmore, Inc.

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# Summer 2015 Newsletter

The Providence on Southmore, Inc.'s Board of Directors is proud to announce the recipients of the first annual David Brown – B. James Noel Sr. Scholarship 2015. Three awardees were selected from the Houston area because of the generosity of supporters like you that share the organization's vision to accomplish its mission. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of students in the Houston and surrounding areas.



Jesenia Martinez is a graduate of Wheatley High School's class of 2015. She will be attending Texas Southern University with a major of Pre-Pharmacy. She plans to complete Pharmacy School and become a practicing Pharmacist.



**Heaven Lee Murphy**, the Salutatorian of Worthing High School's class of 2015 will be attending Prairie View University in the Fall with a major in Biology. She plans to attend medical school upon the completion of her Bachelor's Degree.



**David Poe**, will be a returning student to the University of Houston in the Fall 2015 Semester. He has a passion for computer repair and programming. He aspires to obtain a degree in Computer Science.

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# Graduation in five years is the key!



# **GREAT NEWS!!!**

The Providence on Southmore, Inc. is proud to announce the purchase of our Microsoft Surface Mobile Lab! This purchase allows us to serve students without boundaries.

Events Calendar: 2015 June: Recruitment Board Meeting 15<sup>th</sup>

July: Recruitment August: Recruitment Board Meeting 10th September: Client Programs October: Client Programs Board Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November: Client Programs

#### 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:

Help others achieve their dreams and you will achieve yours.

Les Brown

# Give Today!

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