



Winter 2015 Newsletter

The Providence on Southmore, Inc.'s Board of Directors voted to begin a partnership with ProUnitas, Inc. to provide academic support for students in the Kashmere Gardens' Community. Students worked with TPOS volunteer, Rahul Rama, to prepare for their upcoming SAT Exam. The students met weekly for two hours to practice time-saving strategies and to increase their level of comfort with tackling math challenges.

Students were also exposed to Life Style Budgets and discussions related to the importance of post-secondary education as a means for upward mobility.



On Saturday, October 18, 2015, TPOS hosted their first session of their Asset Builder Series. Participants of the **Together, You Can Graduate** session were encouraged to set goals, persist to reach them, network with organizations such as TPOS to support their goals, and seek post-secondary opportunities. In addition to TPOS board members providing tips, **Kachelle Kelly**, author of the books **Boss Women Pray** and **Boss Men Pray**, shared her story of how she activated her "hustle" and faith to achieve authentic success.

(The event was sponsored by Kroger.)

The next session to follow will be: ***I'm a Student; I Have a Brand?*** This session will focus on personal branding and the importance of determining the message you want to send as a student and a professional.

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Graduation in five years is the key!



GREAT NEWS!!!

The Providence on Southmore, Inc. is working 'fast and furious' to prepare for it 3rd annual "Bowling Strikes for Education" January 30' 2016

Tickets go on sale December 15th!

Events Calendar: 2015	August: Client Programs Board Meeting	September: Client Programs	October: Client Programs (Kashmere MPC) "Together, You Can Graduate" 18 th Smith Library	November: Client Programs (Kashmere MPC) Board Meeting 23rd	December: Client Programs Start Ticket Sells for Bowling Strikes for Education 15 th
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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:

“Education is the movement from darkness to light.”

-Allan Bloom

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