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**Paul Quinn College Announces Early Talent Identification Program**

New summer enrichment program, sponsored by Texas Women’s Foundation – Village Giving Circle, provides rigorous academic and athletic training to ambitious students and their families

DALLAS – March 14, 2019 – Paul Quinn College (“Paul Quinn”) announces the launch of the [Early Talent Identification Program @Paul Quinn College](https://pqc-etip.squarespace.com/) (“ETIP”).  ETIP is a six-week summer academic enrichment program designed for academically and athletically talented 1st-8th grade students who are interested in attending Dallas’ most competitive private and public schools and succeeding while they are there.  Students accepted into the program will take fun courses that will challenge them to strengthen their math, reading, and writing skills as well as develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.  Students will also have access to high-level athletic coaching appropriate to their competitive level. The program will be held on the campus of Paul Quinn and will run Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm from June 10th until July 19th.

Paul Quinn is supported in this effort by its partner schools: The Episcopal School of Dallas, Greenhill School, The Hockaday School, The Lamplighter School, Parish Episcopal School, St. Mark’s School of Texas, St. Philip’s School and Community Center, the Cedar Hill Collegiate Academy, and the Dallas Independent School District’s Magnet Schools. Each partner school is providing teacher support, assistance with curricular design, and counseling.

ETIP will be offering courses in Reading, Math, Science, Computers, History, Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and the Arts.  Students will also receive training in basketball, strength and agility, boxing, martial arts, yoga, and soccer. The program will offer academic counseling and preparatory sessions for the families of ETIP students to assist in applying to Dallas’s most competitive private and public schools.

“ETIP exists because we live in a world where talent is equally distributed but opportunity is not,” said Dr. Michael J. Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College. “We are thrilled that so many of the area’s best schools share this belief and a commitment to do something about this opportunity gap.”

“Hockaday is proud to partner with Paul Quinn College so that all students may have a robust and engaging experience that will further develop their interests and talents in both academics and athletics,” said Dr. Karen Warren Coleman, Hockaday’s Eugene McDermott Head of School. “We believe in the transformative power of education, and we are excited to support this unprecedented Program, which will have a distinctive impact on students’ futures.”

“Paul Quinn College’s mission is closely aligned with our mission at St. Philip’s to encourage excellence in all areas of a student’s life and individual impact to make our world a better place,” said Dr. Terry Flowers, Perot Family Headmaster, St. Philip’s School and Community Center. “Through ETIP we hope to expand the potential of all students and encourage them to look beyond their current situation to what is possible.”

ETIP is being made possible, in part, through the generous investment of The Texas Women’s Foundation Village Giving Circle.  The Village Giving Circle selected ETIP to receive $20,000 in its inaugural grant-making cycle. “The Village Giving Circle at Texas Women’s Foundation is proud to invest in the innovative work of Paul Quinn College,” said A. Shonn Brown, Chair of the Village Giving Circle at Texas Women’s Foundation. “ETIP has the potential to change Dallas in a fundamental way and we are thrilled to participate in such an endeavor.”

[Applications for ETIP](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_oyUT6cgM0ScTUuI5-4bOU62o72eWhlEoQm63xzefdlUODFLNFhKWU1RNkY1NzlGSlkwSjRFNk5DVC4u) are now open and will be accepted on a rolling basis until June 10, 2019.  For more information, and a copy of the application, please visit [ETIP](https://pqc-etip.squarespace.com/) or emailetip@pqc.edu. There is no cost to apply.

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**About Paul Quinn College**Paul Quinn College is a private, faith-based, four-year, liberal arts-inspired college that was founded on April 4, 1872, by a group of African Methodist Episcopal Church preachers in Austin, Texas. The school’s original purpose was to educate freed slaves and their offspring. Today, we proudly educate students of all races and socio-economic classes under the banner of our institutional ethos, WE over Me. Our mission is to provide a quality, faith-based education that addresses the academic, social, and Christian development of students. Under President Sorrell’s leadership, Paul Quinn has become one of the most innovative and respected small colleges in the nation and now serves as a model for urban higher education. *Fortune*magazine recognized President Sorrell’s work and the College’s transformation by naming him one of the World’s 50 Greatest Leaders. President Sorrell is also a three-time award winner of HBCU Male President of the Year by HBCU Digest and was named by *Time*magazine as one of the “31 People Changing the South.”

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