

PAUL QUINN

MEDIA ALERT

Paul Quinn College Celebrates 150th Anniversary with Multiple Announcements

Paul Quinn invites the community to celebrate its 150-year anniversary on Friday, April 1. As part of the celebrations, Paul Quinn will announce **on Friday, April 1 at 11 a.m.** during its Founder's Day Convocation the formation of an exploratory committee to potentially expand to the Bay Area (Oakland, California), partnership with Lancaster ISD, and a five-year capital campaign to support its students and build its endowment.

Friday, April 1 at 11:00 a.m.

What:

- **Paul Quinn College Celebrates 150 Years of Making History**
Paul Quinn was founded in 1872 by a group of African Methodist Episcopal Church preachers in Austin, Texas. Over the College's 150 year history, Paul Quinn has proudly served as one of this nation's 100+ Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). Paul Quinn has moved from its original home in a church basement in Austin, Texas to a former slave plantation in Waco, to its current campus today in southern Dallas, just miles from the downtown business district. For 150 years, the College has survived despite the challenges of Reconstruction, the Great Depression, Jim Crow, a global pandemic, and many other socio-political movements that have threatened to close its doors. Today, Paul Quinn is viewed as one of the most innovative colleges in America, one that continuously expands the boundaries of higher education and community advocacy in its quest to eradicate intergenerational poverty.
- **Paul Quinn Forms Exploratory Committee for West Coast Expansion**
Paul Quinn will announce the formation of an exploratory committee to study the feasibility of opening a campus hub in Oakland, California and the Bay Area. Doing so would expand Paul Quinn's presence and create the first Urban Work College outside of Texas and California's first HBCU.
- **Paul Quinn Partners with Lancaster ISD and Expands the Village Program**
Paul Quinn will partner with Lancaster Independent School District to admit 225 graduating seniors and two of their family members or friends as part of its new Village Program. Going forward, every Pell Grant eligible Lancaster ISD high school senior with a 3.0 GPA or better will have an automatic admission to Paul Quinn and can select two members of their family to attend college with them. Family members can take courses online or through PQCx, a credentialing and upskilling program via The Village Program.
- **Paul Quinn Launches Five Year Fundraising Campaign**
In celebration of its 150th anniversary, Paul Quinn will announce a five-year fundraising campaign to raise money to support its students and build its endowment for the next 150 years.

When: Founder's Day Convocation, Friday, April 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Paul Quinn Campus, Richard Allen Chapel, 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd, Dallas, TX 75241

Who:

- Loren Taylor, City Councilmember District 6, Oakland, California
- Representatives from Lancaster Independent School District
- Dr. Michael J. Sorrell, President, Paul Quinn
- Students from Lancaster ISD

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