

## \*MEDIA ADVISORY/INVITATION\*

## Dwell with Dignity Unveils Paul Quinn College's First-Ever Alumni Office and Multipurpose Space

**WHAT:** <u>Dwell with Dignity</u>, a Dallas-based nonprofit on a mission to transform lives through design by providing and installing interiors for family homes and community spaces, will unveil its community transformation project at <u>Paul Quinn College</u>, a private, Historically Black College (HBCU) in Dallas, Texas. Dwell with Dignity has transformed the college's first-ever alumni office and multipurpose gathering space, located in the Richard Allen Chapel Annex, and the nonprofit will reveal the new spaces for the first time on **Thursday, January 26, at 10 a.m.** 

Before the transformation, Paul Quinn alumni did not have their own dedicated legacy space, but now, they will have a gathering space for monthly alumni meetings, programs, events, and receptions. It will also be used by the African Methodist Episcopal Church for local and national gatherings. The new space will also be the destination for alumni when they visit campus for tours. The alumni office will feature flexible space for meetings and programs, a lounge, games, meeting rooms, offices for alumni relations, and more.

Paul Quinn College is one of the most innovative small colleges in America. Founded in 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, Paul Quinn has become a model for urban higher education by focusing on academic rigor, experiential learning, and entrepreneurship. Dwell with Dignity incorporated historical photographs printed on canvas and display cases to honor the university's more than 150-year history.

While Dwell with Dignity is known for its family home interior installations, the organization also offers its interior design services to help transform community spaces throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Last year, Dwell with Dignity transformed 10 community spaces, working with organizations like CityLab High School, Community Does It, the Dallas Police Department's Emergency Communications Center, the Dallas Zoo, the John Lewis Social Justice Academy at Oliver Wendell Holmes, KERA, Lincoln High School, and North Dallas High School.

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 26 at 10 a.m. - Remarks, space tours, and reception

**WHERE:** Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd, Dallas, TX 75241, Chapel Annex of the Richard Allen Chapel

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** You will need to confirm your attendance prior to the event by emailing <a href="lessley@projectmockingbird.com">lessley@projectmockingbird.com</a> by 1/25, EOD. Security must have all names in advance of the event. Please arrive at the security gate and share that you are there for the Dwell with Dignity event



at the Chapel. You will be directed to continue straight and curve to the right to the Chapel parking lot. *Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early in case there is a line at check-in.* 

## **AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW:**

- Ashley Sharp, Executive Director at Dwell with Dignity
- Dr. Michael J. Sorrell, President at Paul Quinn College
- Dr. Bess Carpenter Dunner, Board of Trustees at Paul Quinn College, *Class of 1977*

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