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Mr. Pedro Rojas, News Anchor/Reporter, KXLN Univision 45 Houston and Mr. Carlos J. López, MIGH President and Executive Director.

By: Ruberman Aldana

At the Mexican Institute of Greater Houston (MIGH) **we believe that the process of improving the educational level of the Hispanic community starts with the parents.** They are a key factor to the educational success of their children, and Hispanics are a strong component of our region's workforce.

"When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better." -A New Generation of Evidence: The Family is Critical to Student Achievement. (Henderson & Berla, 1994)

Our mission is to **"Enrich the lives of Hispanics through education"**. As we all know the Hispanic community continues to be an important component of our workforce and our educational program teaches

the Hispanic adults, mainly parents, new marketable skills which enable them to **qualify for better jobs and inspire their children to reach higher educational levels.** Typically, our students are low income, with very basic educational levels but a strong desire to contribute to society. **Our courses produce high parental involvement in school events and overall more successful families.**

Día de la Familia™

On Saturday September 28th, 2013 at United Way we celebrated our 18th graduation of this year.

More than 350 students graduated and an attendance of more than 700 friends and family joined them at this celebration.

We thank each of our sponsors for their valuable support, for entrusting us with their community development funds so that we may continue "Changing Lives for a Better Tomorrow". We would like to make a special recognition to **Mr. Pedro Rojas, News Anchor/Reporter, KXLN Univision 45 Houston**, that for the second time this year served as EM-CEE at our graduation. His continuous collaboration, support and dedication to MIGH is very much appreciated and we thank our steady sponsor **UNIVISION** for their commitment to the Mexican Institute of Greater Houston.



Our Second Graduation this year, at United Way

September 28, 2013

We would like to recognize the following corporations and foundations for their continuous support to our educational computer literacy programs.

Bank of America
Bank of Opportunity™



Human Energy®



**BlueCross BlueShield
of Texas**



Houston Endowment

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The Mexican Institute of Greater Houston Inc. (MIGH)

is the pioneer in teaching Basic Computer Technology Literacy in Spanish in the U.S. MIGH is an IRS designated 501(c) (3) nonprofit based in Houston, Texas, founded in 1991.

Mission: "Enrich the lives of Hispanics through Education"

Vision: To become the region's premier collaborator in delivering Computer Technology Educational Services for our under-served Hispanic, African American and Asian families.

Goal: To help parents -- through education -- become effective leaders of their families and their communities, as well as better skilled members of the workforce.

Enhancing Digital Literacy among minorities

MIGH supports technology literacy. While access to technology is important, teaching computer skills to the adult population is just as vital. We encourage our students to become active broadband users.

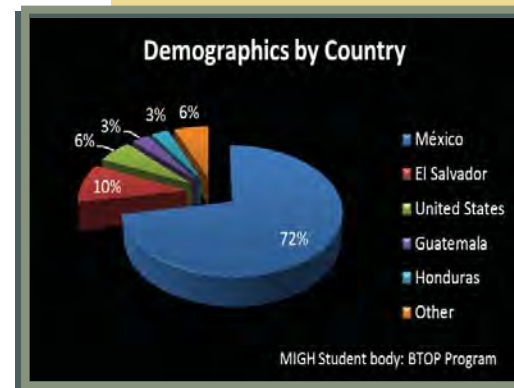
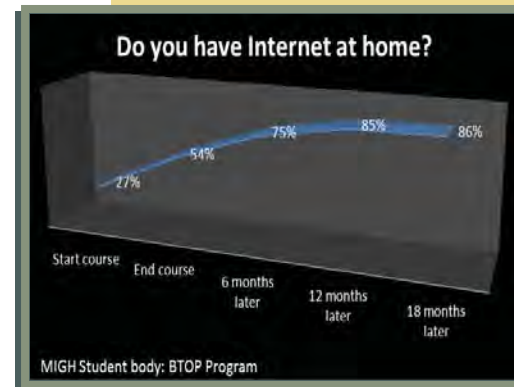
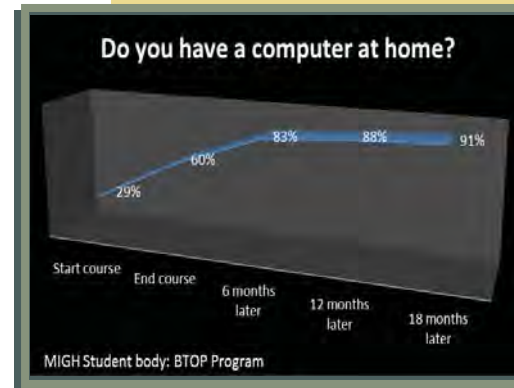
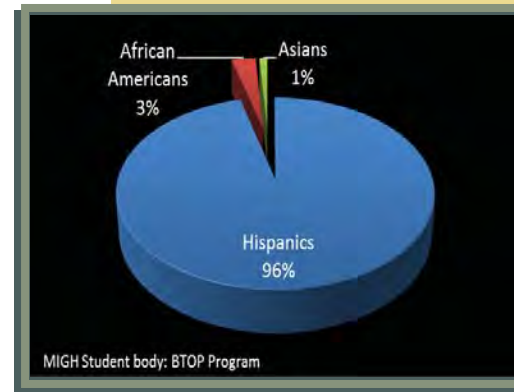
"Digital literacy is the ability to use information and communication technologies to find, understand, evaluate, create, and communicate using modern devices; it is an ability that requires both cognitive and technical skills." We are expanding the better trained pool of potential employees our private sector needs to revitalize our economy.

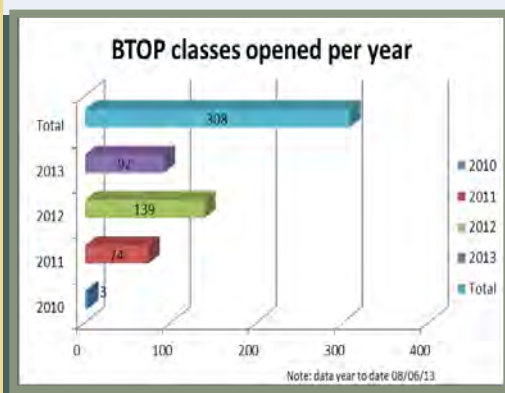
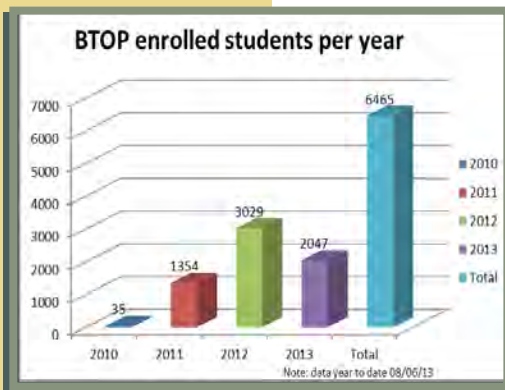
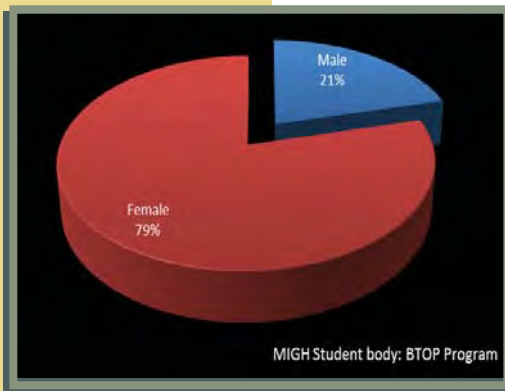
Project description

MIGH offers Basic Computer Technology Literacy for Adults. It is taught in English and Spanish and reaches parents through the schools attended by their children (K-12).

Our programs

- The Basic Computer Course consists of an in depth 100-hours of classroom instruction provided by a supervised instructor and supported by our on-line tutors for homework and testing. MIGH program teaches the students (parents) how to use a computer, connect/navigate the Internet, set-up and use of an e-mail account, and the use of basic elements of computer software such as: Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Level-two 50-hour courses on Microsoft Office Word; PowerPoint; and Excel, allow for an immersion program to learn how to take full advantage of each program capabilities;





- Basic Financial Literacy for the Home, a 50-hour course developed in close collaboration with Wells Fargo Bank, to teach basic financial management for families, covering family budget, saving and checking accounts, debit cards, credit cards, credit score, credit report, loans, using personal credit, buying a home, critical mortgage information, retirement basics, etc.

These programs will further improve the skills set of these vulnerable populations, providing them with the tools to be better contributing members of the community and to be prosperous in the U.S.

Population Served

Our successful and innovative programs address individual adult Hispanics, African Americans and Asians basic computer related educational needs. We improve the region's workforce by teaching our students (parents) new skills so that they can use computers, better supervise their children's Internet usage and help them with homework. It is important to emphasize that most of our students are members of the workforce. We now offer training in English and Spanish, responding to requests received from the African-American and Asian communities, and also the English speaking Hispanic Community. MIGH targets these vulnerable populations and LEP (Limited English Proficiency) individuals, low income, unemployed, and senior citizens

Facts

- MIGH has been providing educational services to the Greater Houston area for more than 11 years.
- More than 6 years in Beaumont, Port Arthur and San Antonio.
- Expanded to the Dallas County area in 2011.
- We have also expanded to Waco.
- Since 2002 when we started our educational program we have graduated more than 12,000 adults.
- In 2009 we initiated our association with the University of Houston -- Texas Learning and Computation Center (TLC2) to develop our own web-based educational platform and updated Website.
- In 2011, we had 1,354 enrolled students and 74 classes.
- In 2012, we increased our enrollement to 3,029 and 138 classes.
- For 2013, as of August 6th we have reached 2,047 enrolled students and 92 classes.

To continue serving our target market we would welcome the generous contributions from corporations, foundations and individuals.

Become an MIGH partner, it is an excellent opportunity to invest in the future of the region, helping those who want to prosper in life, Moving Forward with Technology.

Join us funding our successful programs!





Graduation at United Way Sept. 28, 2013.



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*“Helping Hispanics learn the new technology that is
upon us today.”*



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OTHER MIGH SERVICES

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The following special services are available at MIGH, Monday through Friday, **7:30 a.m to 3:00 p.m.**

For an appointment please call: **(713) 541-4558**

- **Photocopies and passport pictures**
- **Carta Poder (Power of Attorney)** to legally authorize an individual or company to represent you in Mexico.

Different possible uses of a Power of Attorney:

- Compra o Venta de Propiedades (Buy/ Sell Property)
- **Escrituración de Propiedades (Property Ownership)**
- Administración de Bienes (Property Administration)
- **Préstamos Hipotecarios (Home Mortgage Loans)**
- Donación de Propiedades (Property Donations)
- **Demandas (Lawsuits)**
- Divorcios (Divorces) Adopciones (Adoptions)
- **Reconocimiento de Hijos (To Acknowledge a Child)**
- Corrección de Actas de Nacimiento (Birth Certificate Corrections)
- **Juicios de Intestado y Testamentario (Probate- Intestate or with a Last Will)**
- Renuncia a Derechos Hereditarios o Repudia de Herencia (Relinquishing Inheritance Rights)
- **Cesión de Derechos (Ceding Legal Rights) Pensión Alimenticia (Alimony)**
- Retiro o Cancelación de Cuenta Bancaria (Bank Account Closing)
- **Programa Pro Campo (Procampo Program)**
- Concesión de Servicio Público (General Rights Concession)
- **Firma de Contratos (Contract Signing)**
- Trámites de Título Profesional (Professional Title Validation Process)
- **Apertura de Testamentos (Last Will/ Testament Reading)**
- Testamentos, etc. (Preparation of Last Will & Testament)

All Cartas Poder (Power of Attorney) need the "Apostille". This procedure legally validates the document prepared by our Public Notary before the Texas Secretary of State. **Without the "Apostille" your documents will not be considered legal in Mexico.**