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## Successful Results

*By Mr. Carlos J. López, President & Executive Director*



**Dear MIGH students, graduates and friends:** We are glad to inform you, we continued to celebrate exciting graduation

ceremonies in and outside of the Houston area during June 2013, celebrating the success of hundreds of Hispanic, African-American and Asian students taking our classes. Congratulations to all our graduates for their significant achievement; we invite them to continue their college education for their realization.

It is extremely inspiring to see the enthusiasm and determination to succeed in life of students at the [Mexican Institute of Greater Houston](#), as they continue to take our classes. We are delighted to find people who make wise decisions directed to improve their future, giving their family and children a positive example of fortitude and attainment through education.

As we have informed you in previous editions of this newsletter, the [U.S. Government's BTOP program](#) supporting our mission as well as the significant funding provided by "Houston Endowment" are coming to an end, bringing us back to the prior financial structure based

on donations, which has been made available not only to traditional donors such as corporations and foundations, but to those individuals who are willful to support and benefit the communities through our program.

Each individual or company sending a donation is granted a donation certificate. It is extremely meaningful when someone contributes to the advancement of fellow residents through education in basic and advanced computer literacy. The increased number of qualified people allows companies to open more doors of opportunity. Students from the [Mexican Institute of Greater Houston](#) will surely obtain more and better paid jobs, which will positively influence our local communities.

We are also thankful for non-profit organizations such as [AAMA](#) and [AVANCE](#), as well as independent school districts such as [HISD](#), [Irving](#), [Katy](#), among many others who enable us to carry on our mission.

This current issue proudly displays an array of images of our ceremonies and graduates who received their certificates. Many of them stay in contact with us

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and they have reported they found better jobs. Most students are very pleased with our program, and share the experience with friends and relatives to invite them to take our courses and become computer literate.

Our second level classes are 50 hours in the classroom and their intensive instruction are directed to review in deep a specific program, requiring the individual's concentration in the subject of study.

We need to highlight the convenience of our program and what it provides in terms of personal advancement. Our practical and up-to-date courses are taught by committed and courteous Instructors who believe in our mission and gladly train our students to make them evidently skillful.

The *Mexican Institute of Greater Houston* is committed to support those students who faithfully continue their education and consistently attend class to complete the courses to which they register.

The end of this second quarter closes the first half of 2013. It is still time to make your resolutions reality. We invite you to visit our offices along with your friends and relatives and register to a class that would better fit your needs. Begin today; do not wait until later to learn. Your knowledge will always be with you and will help you obtain a better job wherever you go. You can be a great example of leadership and determination to your relatives, children and friends.

We have received numerous letters and e-mails from some MIGH graduates who express their contentment for what they have learned. Some have given their testimonials and have invited others to take advantage of the great opportunities we offer.

We are soon starting basic and second level Word and Excel courses at the Mexican Institute, so this is the time to make a wise decision for your future. Please call and ask about available classes.

We remind our audience to share information on our programs and services: You can also give others the opportunity to change their life for a better future. Be confident that education is the key to growth and wellbeing. Through education you can reach to better

job opportunities and to benefit our local communities, such as [San Antonio](#), [Dallas](#), [Waco](#), [Richardson](#), [Katy](#), [Beaumont](#), among many other places where MIGH has presence.

Set higher goals for us, as impossible as these may seem to be, these are the only way to achieve your greatest maximum.

In order to continue to expand our mission, we invite our audience to make a tax-deductible donation to MIGH. Tell others about the benefits of our program and visit [www.mexicaninstitute.org](http://www.mexicaninstitute.org) or call [713-988-6699](tel:713-988-6699). We wish to open doors to a better tomorrow for you and your family!

We also remind you that MIGH offers not only educational but low-cost legal services at our offices. Our services include from photocopies, passport photos to notarized Letter of Attorneys. Call today and make your appointment.

The *Mexican Institute of Greater Houston* is open to every Hispanic and other minority groups. We strive to provide high-quality service to our students and those members of the community who want to prosper through education and benefit from the practical knowledge we provide through our courses.

I take this opportunity to thank again the U.S. Government agencies, companies and corporations such as [Houston Endowment](#), [Strake Foundation](#), [CHEVRON](#), [Marathon Oil](#), [Mercantil Bank](#), [CITGO](#), [VALERO](#), [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas](#), among others for their substantial support to the communities by allowing people in Texas to obtain education in Computer Literacy.

**Let's keep working together for a better tomorrow for everyone!**

## How we use the Internet in Education



Over the past twenty years, the World Wide Web has revolutionized the way we live. It has also transformed the way our children are being educated. We have moved from an analog world of textbooks and blackboards to an omnipresent and overwhelming digital world of websites, interactive boards, podcasts, wikis, blogs, iPhones and global positioning systems.

The content of textbook, library, and teacher knowledge is now enhanced through the Internet, as it provides up-to-date information on a variety of topics unavailable from other sources.

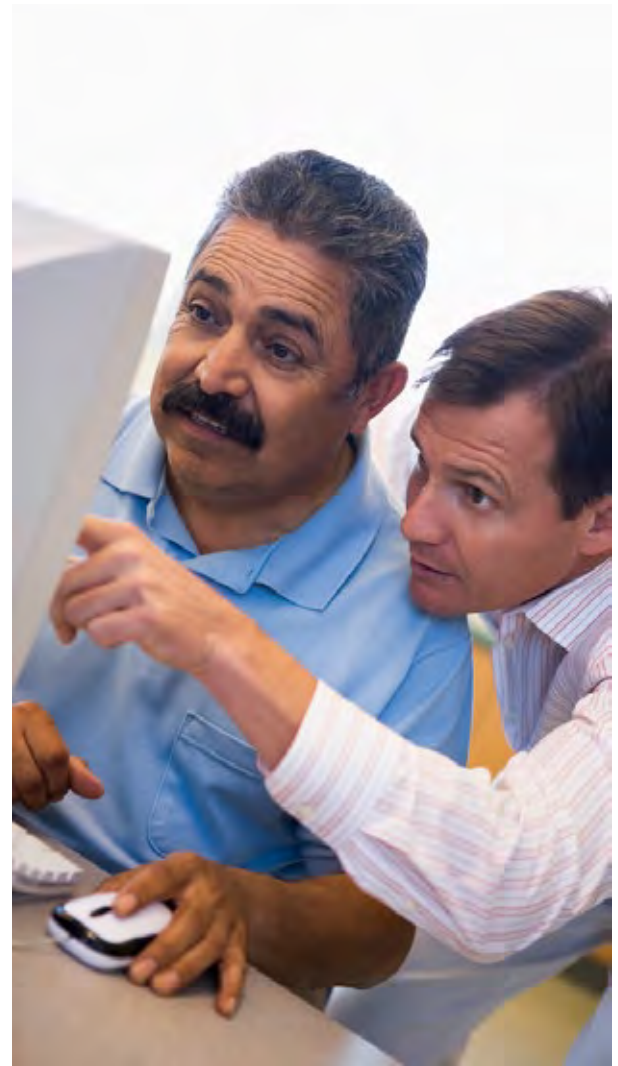
Nowadays, it is vital for anyone to know the vast uses of the Internet and to learn how to take advantage of the many tools it provides. The Mexican Institute of Greater Houston's educational program in Computer Literacy allows our adult students to explore almost every single option available and our curriculum teaches them to utilize its resources. Let's review its advantages:

### *Personalized Use*

Our own online platform requires students to log in with a user name and password that creates an exclusive account for each one. Through their personal account our students can review all study materials, have a personal profile, submit activities and be evaluated in their progress.

### *Easy Contact*

As students review course contents and submit their activities, they can easily communicate via e-mail with a Mexican Institute of Greater Houston (MIGH) online tutor who provides guidance if needed, and grades their completed projects.



### *Simple Research*

Some of the activities students need to complete during the course curriculum require them to research online. Once students become familiar with browsing the Internet, they enjoy a wide door of information available to them through search engines (Google, Wikipedia, etc.), making research an easy task at their fingertips. This is indeed one of the initial important benefits our students obtain from attending our courses.



### Online Learning

The convenience of online communication tools will most probably allow students to access our programs online in the near future. MIGH course material would be available online, thus allowing students to complete courses wherever they are. The guidelines and internal regulations related to this future option are under development.

One of our goals is to bring up to date with technology those members of the community who have not had access to basic education in Computer Literacy. The Mexican Institute's Educational Platform makes available the benefits of Internet and it represents the main educational and informational tool of our program, as it hosts all information to be reviewed during each course and manages every single aspect of a student's progress.

At completion of our program, MIGH students are capable of making the Internet a daily used tool to provide their children with the guidance they need to successfully complete their school projects while practicing online navigation skills. Our students also learn to research online for anything they may need, and are then equipped with the adequate skills to obtain better paid jobs and be in tune with the demands of today's lifestyle.

*Adapted from Source: D Browne, "Educational Use and the Internet", (2009)*

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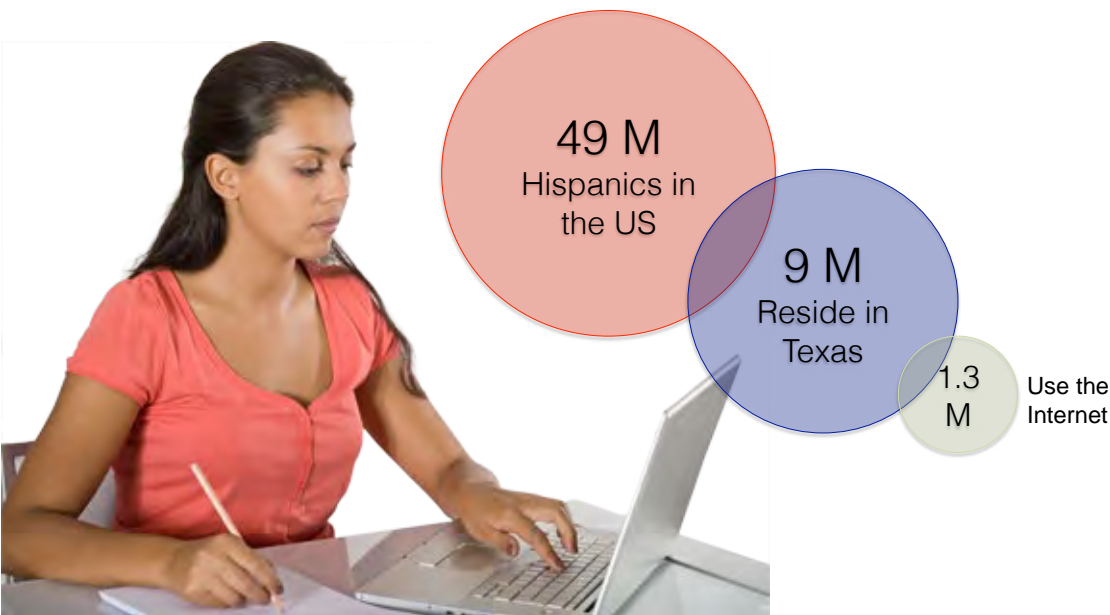
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## Hundreds of graduates make a difference!

**49 million Hispanics live in the U.S.** from which **9 million reside in Texas (18.4%).** Only about **15% of the Hispanic population (1.35 million)** use the Internet on a regular basis, at home or work.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2010, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel.

At MIGH we want to contribute to raising the bar and bringing the Hispanic community up to date with basic technology, so that communities are positively impacted and more and more people are connected.

This month we celebrated **7 graduation ceremonies** at which we awarded computer literacy certificates at different levels to **1,026 MIGH students**. The benefit of our program multiply in their families and neighborhoods, as our graduates are now able to lead their families and communities toward advancement.

We are thankful for the meaningful support of the U.S. Federal Government through its Broadband Technologies and Opportunities Program (BTOP), which has enabled us to grow the number of

Hispanics who have adopted the Internet as their regular source of information and communication. It is because of programs like this our economy is becoming stronger, as we give people the tools necessary to join the workforce and contribute to local economic development.

You can make possible the continuity of expansion of our program and collaborate with making the vision of a prosperous future a reality: more and more qualified people are the answer to a flourishing economy.

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in multiplying our impact!**

# MIGH Graduation Ceremonies

We share with excitement the unforgettable celebrations held during June 2013.

**FORT BEND ISD**

**- Mission Bend**

**June 5**

**54 Graduates**



A simple but momentous ceremony took place at Hodges Bend Elementary, where our students received their certificates in Basic Computer Literacy, Word 2 and Excel 2. Special congrats to 13 of our students of Asian origin who completed our basic program in English. Mr. Carlos J. Lopez acknowledged everyone with an eloquent speech and encouraged everyone to keep on the path of advancement. Special thanks to Terry Hernandez, Parent Programs Coordinator for Mission Bend.

**BAKER RIPLEY COMMUNITY CENTER**

**June 12**

**24 Graduates**



Baker Ripley is dedicated to support the immigrant community. We are grateful to have provided our educational program to amazing students at this Community Learning Center. 9 of our students are from Pakistan completed our basic program in English. Mr. Lopez personally congratulated everyone and awarded diplomas during this special event.





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## AAMA - AAMA Wayside Auditorium

June 14

129 Graduates



Very proud students of computer literacy attended their graduation ceremony at the AAMA Auditorium. We are grateful for Ms. Marie Herrera's great efforts in coordinating the program at this Community Learning Center and for the valuable support of Ms. Patricia Cabrera, Director of AAMA Adelante. Mr. Carlos Lopez, MIGH President & Executive Director and Mr. David Guevara, Educational Program Coordinator represented MIGH. We appreciate Mr. Luis Soto and Mr. Jose Flores, dedicated instructors at AAMA.

## PORT ARTHUR ISD - Robert E. Lee Elementary

June 7

42 Graduates



We celebrated a family event at Robert E. Lee Elementary, where friends and relatives witnessed the awarding of certificates to students at this center. Mr. Rizvan Quadri, School Principal attended the event. 10 of our students at Robert E. Lee completed the program in English. Special thanks to Ms. Graciela Alvarez, program coordinator for this center, and to our committed instructors who made this program available in the Port Arthur area.





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**MEXICAN INSTITUTE OF GREATER HOUSTON - United Way**

**June 22**

**407 Graduates**

*Happiness surrounded a special event celebrated at United Way, where some of our most dedicated students were recognized for their efforts. Ms. Melida Torres, student of computer literacy shared her testimony and graduated with honors, as she is one of the few who successfully completed our basic program plus all second level courses.*

*Mr. Carlos J. Lopez was proud to award all certificates to attendees of this ceremony.*



*We were honored to count with Mr. Pedro Rojas, News Anchor for Univision Channel 45 as master of ceremonies.*

*It was important to acknowledge the efforts of our successful graduates, as most of them received more than 2 certificates.*





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HOUSTON ISD- Houston Food Bank

June 29

328 Graduates

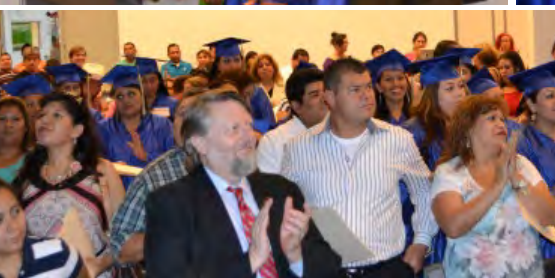
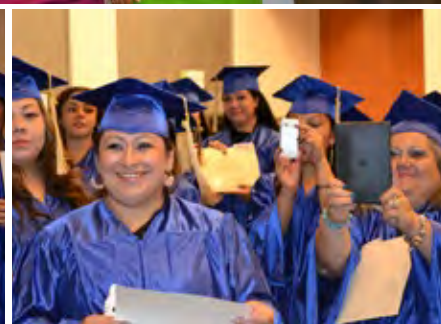


A great number of attendees were present at one of our largest ceremonies this year, celebrated at the Houston Food Bank's main building.

Friends and relatives shared with excitement the triumph of hundreds of graduates attending this unforgettable ceremony.

We thank the presence of Ms. Lupina McMains and Mr. Luis Carranza, members of MIGH Board of Directors.

We greatly appreciate the support of Mr. Osvaldo Corral, Univision Channel 45's News Anchor, who leaded the event as master of ceremonies.



*Día de la Familia™*



# Special Announcements

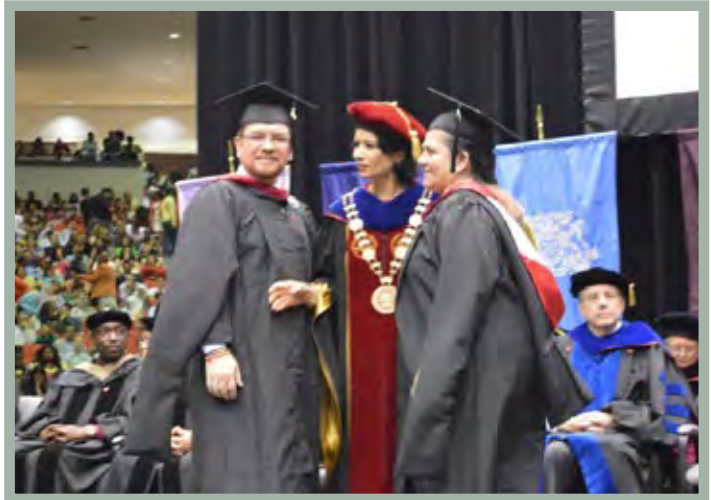
## Big Congrats!

We congratulate Ms. Ligia Gramajo, member of our staff who is in charge of the area of Technology and the Educational Platform Management for MIGH. She has recently completed her second master program from the School of Technology at University of Houston.

She is a master in Human Resources Development and Technology Project Management. Her son Carlos Gramajo completed the second program along with her and received his diploma during this very special ceremony.

Both mother and son were amazingly renowned for their joint, yet rare accomplishment, receiving special congrats from Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor of the University of Houston System.

***MIGH is extremely proud to count with Ms. Gramajo as part of its team, as she is a dedicated and consummate professional.***



## New classes opening June 2013

- Houston, MIGH (morning/ evening)  
Excel 2
- Aldine, Aldine Community Transformation Center  
Basic
- Spring Branch, Memorial Assistance Ministres  
Basic
- Missouri City, First United Methodist Church  
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