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MIGH-Keeping its Positive Presence in the Region

By: Carlos J. López, MIGH President and Executive Director.

During the months of March and April your **Mexican Institute of Greater Houston (MIGH)** continued its progress towards the strengthening of its Board of Directors and the expansion of its presence in new areas to serve the adult population interested in Moving Forward in Life through Education. Some groups started classes towards the end of 2014 and finished this year. A small number of those courses were taught in English.

We have been identifying, selecting and training new instructors to keep our flexibility and rapid response capability to meet the requests by existing and new strategic partners. Some of these are Spring Branch Elementary School where we have been teaching the Basic Computer Literacy class for Hispanic parents, in Spanish, as well as the HISD J.P. Henderson Elementary School and the non-profit organization Literacy Advance where we started teaching a Basic Computer class in English, on Saturdays. The composition of the student body for this class is very diverse having students from many different and diverse countries of origin, and all have been very enthusiastically developing new skills they intend to use to find better paying jobs.

During this period **MIGH** continued its pioneer program with the Harris County Sheriff Office teaching Basic Computer Literacy in English to those temporarily residing there interested in learning important workforce skills to reintegrate with higher chances of finding new jobs at more rewarding pay levels with advancement possibilities.

Our Institute (**MIGH**) has also kept the excellent working relationship we have always enjoyed with the Consulate General of Mexico in Houston. On March 7, 2015, there was an event for the community organized by the Consulate General at their facilities and **MIGH** was present with information about our educational programs.



The **Mexican Institute of Greater Houston (MIGH)** is present at numerous informative events for the community throughout the region providing adults details related to its practical and comprehensive courses that qualify graduates for better paying jobs. The pictures below were taken on April 9, 2015 at HISD's **Las Americas Newcomer School** located in the Bellaire area.

Mr. Carlos J. López, President and Executive Director of **MIGH** at our booth during the Las Americas Newcomer School informative event for parents and grandparents. The School's Director in the picture when she came to visit with us.



◀ **MIGH** President providing information about the Institute to persons interested in taking our classes.



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Our working relationship with **Houston Center for Literacy** continued growing in several respects and is producing new areas of opportunities to take our computer classes at no cost for those students. The minority adults in our area are taking the opportunity and spreading the word, especially among newcomers from other states, about the quality and availability of our classes for adults.

On Wednesday April 1st, there was an election among **MIGH** members of the Board for the different positions and the new composition is:



From left to right: Ms. Rosanna Moreno of McMains & Moreno Global Consultants, who is the newly elected Chairman of the Board of MIGH. Mr. James E. Soto, Attorney with the Soto Law Firm, Past Chairman of the Board. Mr. Francisco Rivero, Executive Vice President, Texas Regional Manager, Mercantil Commercebank, who is the newly elected Vice Chairman of the MIGH Board, and Mr. Joel Garza, owner of several SONIC franchises in Houston and a new member of the MIGH Board.



Mr. Carlos J. López, President and Executive Director of MIGH making a presentation about the recent accomplishments of MIGH to all members of the Board. On the picture, left hand side Mr. Joel Garza a new member of the Board, and on the right hand side Ms. Leslie Friedrich, an investor and business owner, Principal at FSR Solutions, also a new member of the MIGH Board of Directors.



Mr. Francisco Rivero, current Vice Chairman of the MIGH Board of Directors. Ms. Rosanna Moreno, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. James E. Soto, Past Chairman of the Board.



Mr. Francisco Rivero, Ms. Rosanna Moreno, Ms. Lupina McMains, a long-time member of the MIGH Board of Directors and partner of McMains & Moreno Global Consultants, Ms. Leslie Friedrich, Mr. Carlos J. López, Mr. James E. Soto and Mr. Joel Garza. Not on the picture the other members of the Board, Ms. Martha Araujo-Barrera of H-E-B and Mr. Joe Decker of the UH - SBDC (Small Business Development Center) Network.

On Monday, April 6, there was a graduation ceremony of a class in **Alief ISD's Killough Middle School** that was sponsored by **CITGO**.



The graduates came that evening with their families and celebrated after having received their Certificates of Completion. There were expressions of deep satisfaction by the graduates and the ceremony was attended by school authorities, **MIGH** instructor Marco Antonio Domínguez, **MIGH** Past Chairman of the Board Attorney James E. Soto and **MIGH** President/Executive Director Mr. Carlos J. López.



MIGH President Mr. Carlos J. López addressing the graduates and their families right after Past Chairman of the **MIGH** Board Mr. James E. Soto congratulated them.

Alief ISD Killough Middle School

Pictures taken during the graduation ceremony that took place on April 6, 2015



Here are some of the graduates when they were proudly receiving their diplomas, as a result of their personal effort, having completed the required goals to obtain an MIGH Certificate.



All the graduates present wanted a picture with Mr. Soto, Mr. López and their MIGH instructor Mr. Marco Antonio Domínguez, and expressed their gratitude for CITGO's specific support to their group.

More Mexican Institute of Greater Houston Graduations

2015 continues to be one in which many adult members of the different minorities have taken MIGH courses and are now qualified to apply for better paying jobs.

On March 13, 2015 some students of the different groups of graduates who attended classes at **MIGH** office were able to come to receive their **MIGH Certificate**. Our Mr. Juan E. Jiménez gave them their well-earned certificate which now qualifies them to seek better paying jobs.



These pictures were taken when a small group of graduates presented to MIGH office to receive their MIGH Certificates. Our Mr. Juan E. Jiménez gave them what for some will surely be the document that will open new doors to prosperity qualifying for better paying jobs. MIGH continues preparing members of the workforce of our region for positions that require Computer Skills to take on higher responsibilities with dedication and accuracy. At MIGH we feel very proud of our contributions to strengthening the capacity of our workforce thanks to their personal dedication and to the donations we receive from Corporations, Foundations and Individuals who trust our Basic Computer Literacy Program for adults and support our work with a portion of their community development budget.

HISD's Bellaire High School has been an excellent partner of MIGH in their purpose to offer their students' parents the marvelous opportunity to Change their Lives for a Better Tomorrow via education. These pictures were taken on April 30, 2015 during the graduation ceremony where the latest group of **MIGH** graduates at that school received their **MIGH Certificates** in a very happy, festive and celebratory event. They came with their families and expressed their gratitude to Bellaire's Mr. David Thornhill, Title I Coordinator at that school who has been working very diligently in developing a closer working relationship between the school and the parents. For several years now we have been working with Bellaire High School benefiting parents and grandparents of their students.

If you live in that area call Mr. Thornhill to learn about the next course, or call **MIGH** today (713) 988-6699 for the list of courses that will start soon, ask for Soco.



Mr. Thornhill of Bellaire High School addressing **MIGH** graduates and their families at the Graduation Ceremony in his HISD school.



◀ **MIGH's** Mr. Juan Eduardo Jiménez, congratulating the graduates and encouraging them to continue studying II Level MIGH courses to be better qualified for higher paying jobs.



◀ **MIGH's** Mr. Juan Eduardo Jiménez, General Coordinator and Trainer Educational Programs, with Mr. David Thornhill, Title I Coordinator of HISD's Bellaire High School giving an MIGH Certificate to one of the graduates.



▲ **MIGH's** instructor Ms. Silvia Luna receiving a flower arrangement from Mr. Thornhill on behalf of Bellaire High School and the graduates of the MIGH course.



▲ **MIGH's** instructor Silvia Luna giving MIGH Certificate to one of the graduates.



▲ **MIGH's** instructor Ms. Silvia Luna with some of the graduates on Graduation Day.

This is why at **MIGH** we are strongly committed to continue helping those adults interested in Changing their Lives for a Better Tomorrow for them and their families. They are individuals who want to Move Forward with Technology and **MIGH** as the pioneer in the U.S. offering Basic Computer Literacy in Spanish represents the logical, practical and efficient route to do it. Some of our classes are now offered in English as well.

If you are an adult seeking to improve your financial situation or know of someone who could do it after learning the new Workforce Skills they need, please call us today at **(713) 988-6699**. We represent your opportunity to learn or enhance your abilities to work with a computer, e-mails, navigating the internet, working with Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel and PowerPoint), etc. These are the necessary Workforce Skills that will take you to better paying jobs.

At MIGH we dedicate a concerted effort to combine the purpose of those companies and foundations interested in injecting financial support for our Computer Literacy program and the desire and commitment of those who want to invest in themselves to prosper in life. We thank our donors and encourage our students. Life is much better after you have attended MIGH courses. We are a non-profit 501 C3 organization.

Call us now at (713) 988-6699.





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

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- Table in prominent area
- Logo on all printed materials
- Recognition during the ceremony
- Mention of company in evening's program
- Mention of company in media releases
- Continuous recognition on the big screen at the event
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- Three minute participation from the podium

Platinum \$15,000

- Table in central area
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- Mention of company in evening's program
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- Continuous recognition on the big screen at the event

Silver \$7,500

- Logo of company in evening's program
- Mention of company from the podium
- Continuous recognition on the big screen at the event

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- Table for ten

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The Mexican Institute of Greater Houston (MIGH)

training the region's workforce

In 2002 the Mexican Institute of Greater Houston became the pioneer in the U.S. offering Basic Computer Literacy in Spanish for the Hispanic community. Since then, and with great emphasis since early 2008 **MIGH** has expanded its geographic coverage and also its course offering which now includes its successful, upgraded and very practical Computer Literacy Program also in English to respond to requests from other minority groups and the English speaking Hispanics.

MIGH is indeed preparing its students to qualify for better paying jobs in the current business environment. Our Basic Course is a 100 classroom hours where the student is taught by a very personable and well trained instructor, and also receives the additional assistance of an online tutor. Our students learn how to work with the Microsoft Office programs (Word, PowerPoint and Excel), how to navigate the internet, how to open and manage an e-mail account and are also exposed to a number of different topics related to being an effective member of the workforce.

Take our courses so that you can have the necessary Computer Skills to increase your earnings. Call us now at (713) 988-6699 and register for our next class, Basic or II Level courses.

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Call now (713) 988-6699 or tell someone that could benefit from attending our courses. We will gladly take your call. Instead of giving money to a person give him/her the gift to solid prosperity, education, an MIGH course.

We are pleased to reproduce an article appeared on the Houston Chronicle and can be found on the internet

Small Business by Demand Media



The Advantages of Being Computer Literate in the Workforce

By Laura Latzko, Demand Media

Computer literacy refers to the ability to use computer programs in an effective manner. Computer skills have become increasingly important as companies have started to depend upon computerized technology to get work done. Computer skills can mean that you can perform tasks that others in the work force aren't able to, and you are familiar with and able to work with programs that businesses use. You will have a better chance of being successful in a workplace if you are able to navigate computers and use common or specialized computer programs.

Profitable Skills

The ability to use more common programs such as Microsoft Word or Excel or specialized programs, such as the bookkeeping program Intuit QuickBooks, can mean that you have advanced computer skills that other candidates do not, and you may get hired into the company because you are able to use those programs at an intermediate or advanced level. You could make more money or get hired for a high-level job because you are able to use a program. Basic computer literacy allows you to take classes in school or college or get training the workplace on how to use certain basic or specialized software.

Leadership and Promotions

If you have certain computer knowledge, you may get promoted to a higher position within your workplace, which in turn could give you an opportunity to work on more challenging projects or tasks. Even if you start out in a lower-level job, acquiring or having advanced computer skills likely will help you to get a better job more quickly than you would if you didn't have computer skills. If you have advanced knowledge of how to use computers, you could be put in a leadership position in which you teach others how to use computers or certain computer programs. You may also be called upon to

serve as a computer technician, assisting others in fixing and using computerized technology more effectively, if you have advanced computer skills.

[Related Reading: Advantages and Disadvantages of a Multicultural Workforce](#)

Work Performance

Knowing how to use a computer often allows you to get work done in a more organized, efficient and timely manner, especially if you perform a job that requires you to use a computer on a frequent or regular basis. Computers feature programs such as spreadsheet, word-processing or presentation programs that help you to organize your thoughts, but you need to know how to manipulate these programs to be able to use their features, such as their text or imaging features. If you work with a database at work, you won't be able to complete important tasks without computer knowledge. Even if you do manual labor, such as a construction or food service job, you may need to use a computer to conduct research on industry or company trends, regulations or news; run a cash register or complete training before starting work.

Communication

Knowledge of how to access the Internet on a computer opens up different possibilities for you to communicate with coworkers or supervisors. Within the workplace, you can use instant messaging programs, social media websites or email to communicate about work-related topics. When you use email or social media websites, such as Twitter or Facebook, you are able to leave messages for others to view at a later time and can email messages or documents to large groups of people. Computer knowledge means that you can communicate with others using multimedia, such as sound or video presentations, especially during speeches. If you have a job that requires you to travel, it is important for you to know how to use a computer because you likely will need to use a computer to communicate with others from another location. **m**

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**THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY BRINGS MORE THAN A DOZEN
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*16 free performances at 11 venues including churches, schools and community centers across Houston, all led by
associate conductor Robert Franz*

*ExxonMobil's "Summer Symphony Nights" presents a wide-range of concerts, including the popular July 4th Star-
Spangled Salute celebration led by Principal POPS Conductor Designate Steven Reineke*

*Guest performers featured this summer include the Mariachi Los Gallitos, the CityWide Grassroots Chorus, and
Sugar Land-based Chinese instrumental virtuoso Changlu Wu*

HOUSTON (June 2, 2015) – The Houston Symphony will embrace this summer with a fun and diverse line-up of free concerts June 2-July 7, including 10 performances in various neighborhoods around Houston as part of its **Summer Community Concert Series**, five performances as part of the **ExxonMobil Summer Symphony Nights at Miller Outdoor Theatre**, and a free July 3rd performance at **The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion**.

These free performances are relaxed, dynamic and designed for the whole family. This summer, the Houston Symphony features an array of guest performers from the many diverse communities of Houston, including **Mirron Willis** (The Ensemble Theatre and Houston Shakespeare Festival) narrating Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*; **The CityWide Grassroots Chorus**; traditional Chinese instrumental virtuoso, **Changlu Wu**; and the well-known local Mariachi ensemble **Mariachi Los Gallitos**.

“In alignment with the Symphony's vision to become America's most successful and relevant top-ten orchestra, we are delighted to bring the full Houston Symphony out into the community for these free performances at many of the area's churches, schools and community centers,” said Steve Wenig, Director of Community Partnerships. “This year's program more deeply reflects our commitment to inclusivity by featuring many guest artists from the community including Mariachi Los Gallitos, The CityWide Grassroots Chorus and Pipa virtuoso Changlu Wu.”

The summer concerts follow an electric inaugural season from music director Andrés Orozco-Estrada, during which time his dynamic “Musically Speaking” concert series was conceived. During his inaugural year, the symphony welcomed guest renowned artists including Alison Balsom, Itzhak Perlman, and André Watts. Additionally, the organization received its largest donation from an individual since 2006, a \$5 million gift from Margaret Alkek Williams.

Summer Community Concerts

(Performed at various venues across Greater Houston)

Orchestral music is a blend of musical sounds and ideas that stem from a vast variety of cultures, many of which are highly represented in Houston. For that reason, this year’s Summer Community Concerts celebrate and honor Houston’s diversity by recognizing the musical contributions of its diverse population. The concerts will feature culturally relevant programs held at various community centers in greater Houston, including several presentations in honor of the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth, a significant milestone and holiday that celebrates freedom.

Included at each performance is the ever-popular instrument petting zoo, a hands-on, interactive activity that allows children and adults of all ages to touch and play instruments that represent each of the orchestra’s instrument families. The instrument petting zoo will be open 45 minutes prior to each concert.

(Full concert schedule follows below).

ExxonMobil Summer Symphony Nights at Miller Outdoor Theatre

(Miller Outdoor Theatre, 6000 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, TX 77030)

The Houston Symphony has been performing during the summer months at Miller Outdoor Theatre for more than 70 years. Sponsored in part by the City of Houston through the Miller Theatre Advisory Board, these concerts are free and open to the public. This summer, Houstonians can hear great classical music under the stars on June 18, 20, 23, 26, and 27, in addition to the annual July 4th Star-Spangled Salute concert. Admission is free, but tickets are required for the seated area. Visit www.milleroutdoortheatre.com for more information.

(Full concert schedule follows below).

July 3rd Concert @ The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion

(The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77380)

The Houston Symphony is honored to help the city celebrate America’s birthday with a bang at the annual Star-Spangled Salute on July 3. The free Independence Eve performance, which has been a tradition at The Pavilion for 25 years, features a selection of patriotic favorites.

The Symphony will also appear at The Pavilion for eight other concerts from May through October, with free mezzanine and lawn seating. A full concert schedule can be found at www.woodlandscenter.org.

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