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**LINCOLN  
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**THE**  
**DREAM**  
**WORKS**  
**CONFERENCE**

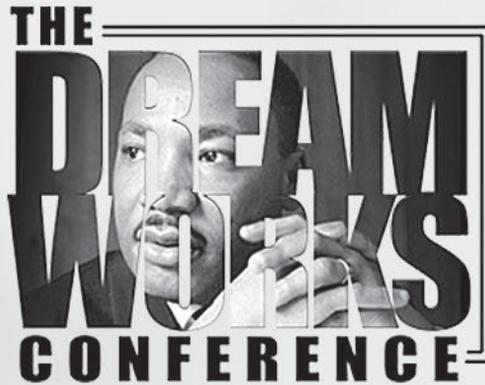
A black and white photograph of a man's face, looking slightly to the left. His hands are clasped in front of him. The image is overlaid with the large, bold, black text 'DREAM WORKS'.

**SATURDAY,  
JAN. 14  
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.**



**“The time is  
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*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



## **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 14**

**9-9:30 a.m.**

Registration

**9:30-9:45 a.m.**

Opening remarks  
in the gymnasium

**10-11:15 a.m.**

Session 1

**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Dream Works Luncheon

**1:15-2:30 p.m.**

Session 2

**2:45-4 p.m.**

Session 3

**4:15-5:30 p.m.**

Panel discussion

**5:45-7 p.m.**

Commemoration of  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
& keynote speaker

# The Dream Works Conference Sessions/Schedule

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## SESSION 1 • 10-11:15 A.M

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### GIRLS TEEN TRACK | *Game Room*

#### **“The Butterfly Effect”**

*presented by Miss Luxjoria Thibodeaux,  
Texas A&M Class of 2017*

The Butterfly Effect encourages females to leave behind their comfortable cocoons and transform into confident butterflies while finding God’s perfect peace in the midst of the world’s chaos. Miss Thibodeaux will give her testimony about low self-esteem and unhealthy relationships. This interactive discussion will allow for participants to express what they are experiencing and provide them with techniques to combat their emotions and circumstances.

### BOYS TEEN TRACK | *Gymnasium*

#### **“Go to High School, Go to College”**

*presented by Pi Alpha Lambda Chapter  
of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.*

Male students of color are attending college in ever decreasing numbers, and they account for the majority of disciplinary referrals and school dropouts. Males in underrepresented groups are at greater risk. Building interventions to understand the factors that prevent academic success is crucial to the educational experiences for young men of color. The Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College program, established in 1922 through Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, concentrates on the importance of completing secondary and collegiate education as a road to advancement. Statistics prove this added motivation makes the difference given that school completion is the best predictor of future economic success. Through the Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College educational initiative, young men in 9th-12th grades will receive information and learn strategies that facilitate success. Alpha men provide participants with excellent role models.

### ADULT MEN TRACK | *Multipurpose Room*

#### **“Wake Up and Be the Coffee!**

#### **(...When Wake Up and Smell the Coffee Is Not Enough!)”**

*presented by Mr. Seaborn Carter, Ph.D.  
student in the Texas A&M Biological & Agricultural Engineering Department*

This interactive session is designed to empower African-American men who have community roles as father figures, husbands, brothers, mentors and/or students. Activities will encourage participants to organize their lives to include more community involvement and teach them to think more inclusively. Participants will learn the importance of “being your brother’s keeper” and being in service to the community as it relates to biblical principles.

## ADULT WOMEN TRACK | *Community Room*

### “The Battle is Not Yours”

*presented by Rev. Eleanor Colvin,*

*Pastor of First United Methodist Church, College Station, TX*

2 Chronicles 20:15: “He said: ‘Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.’” In this women’s-only session, participants will acquire knowledge to spiritually attack opposition.

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## DREAM WORKS LUNCHEON 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.

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**Musical Guest: Mr. John Simmons**

**Keeping the Dream Alive Award Honorees**

**LUNCHEON | \$7 per person\***

*provided by: Brazos Valley Area Alumnae Chapter  
of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*

**Menu:** Baked chicken, seasoned green beans, mac and cheese, tea, dinner roll and cake.

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## SESSION 2 • 1:15-2:30 A.M.

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### TEEN TRACK | *Game Room*

#### “Manifesting Your Dreams”

*presented by Miss Marquette Pradia, Chair, Carter G. Woodson  
Black Awareness Committee at Texas A&M*

Have you started planning for your life after high school graduation? Preparation for a better future starts today. Learn from a current college student on how to foster your strength to endure and overcome the many obstacles, distractions and obstacles on the journey to success.

### TEEN TRACK | *Multipurpose Room*

#### “I Pledge Thee Self Identity”

*presented by Que & Natalyn Samuels*

Engaging youth in thoughtful and teachable moments by realizing self-identity is far beyond materialism and the enticement and promise of a New Age society, which can be misleading and unfulfilling. In other words, by learning and accepting themselves and life’s journey, our youth will discover the uniqueness and wholeness that lies within them. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.” Positive Self Identity + Hope = Future.

## **ADULT TRACK | *Gymnasium***

### **“Kinetic Bodies Mind, Body and Soul”**

*presented by Mr. Kevin Brown, ISSA Certified*

Kinetic Camp is designed to enhance your aerobic and anaerobic endurance, strengthen and tone your muscles, aid in weight loss, and conform to individual needs to achieve other fitness objectives. Outcomes are achieved through a mixture of High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), speed and agility training, and strength and conditioning training. The goal is to burn more fat in less time and boost the body's natural metabolism. If you can give all that you have for 30-45 minutes, Kinetic Bodies will deliver a workout that will fire up your metabolism, help you defy age and improve your overall health.

## **ADULT TRACK | *Community Room***

### **“Discipleship through Faith (A Growing Need for Leaders in a Changing Community)”**

*presented by Pastor Robert Elijah Smith,*

*Word of Truth Evangelistic Pentecostal Church, Kilgore TX*

Examplifying characteristics of spiritual leaders in times of uncertainty and drawing encouragement from one another. Who will answer the clarion call to take action when the time picks you and not when you pick the time? Our teachers need our help. Our children need correction and direction. Parents want a real and available resource. Let's have a conversation concerning proactive youth and community development in discipleship through faith. Failure is not an option.

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## **SESSION 3 • 2:45-4 P.M.**

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## **TEEN TRACK | *Game Room***

### **“Selfie: Finding Your Identity”**

*presented by Mr. Kyron Green*

An engaging presentation meant to help individuals recognize, embrace and unleash their natural greatness. Our society quickly labels us and limits what we can do by how we look, which makes it easy to get a distorted view of ourselves. However, if we can learn to see a true picture of ourselves, then we see the greatness God has placed in us.

## **ADULT TRACK | *Multipurpose***

### **“Taking The First Step To Entrepreneurship”**

*presented by Mr. JR White, Managing Principal, J. White & Associates, LLC*

Have you been thinking about starting your own business, but reluctant to take the first step? This session will provide helpful steps to launching your dream of entrepreneurship.

## ADULT TRACK | *Community Room*

### “Leading and Being Led”

*presented by Rev. Jermaine White,*

*Pastor of Salem Missionary Baptist Church, College Station, TX*

Before Jonah could lead, he first had to learn the hard lessons of disobedience, truth and revelation. Joshua was placed under the watch care of Moses before he accepted the clarion call by boldly stated to the people of Israel, “I will”. There is a difference in leading and being led. Joshua 1:9 – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Pastor Jermaine White will explore the dimensions of leadership, spirituality and community in hopes of inspiring us all to engage our circle of influence with those craving mentorship and personal responsibility.

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## PANEL DISCUSSION

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**4:15-5:30 p.m. | *Community Room***

**Panelist: Mr. Kyron Green, Miss Marquetta Pradia,  
Mr. Seaborn Carter, Rev. Kimmie Daily**

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## COMMEMORATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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**5:45-7 p.m.**

Expressions of Praise through Song & Dance

### **Keynote Speaker**

***Rev. Sam Hill,***

*North Bryan New Birth Baptist Church*

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## PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

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**College Station Police Department  
Scott & White Healthcare  
- Be the Match Program**

## CONFERENCE PRESENTERS



**Miss Luxjoria Thibodeaux** is a senior at Texas A&M where she simultaneously is pursuing a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a focus on math and science education, a minor in Spanish and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. Miss Thibodeaux is also a proud graduate of Eisenhower Senior High School in Houston, where she completed her education as an International Baccalaureate student, graduating No. 8 in her senior class of 726 students. Miss Thibodeaux prides herself on being Christ-centered, and is passionate about children and encouraging people to be their best academically, spiritually and emotionally, as evidenced in her desire to become an educator and in her establishment of *The Butterfly Effect*. *The Butterfly Effect* is an organization that encourages girls and women to leave behind their comfortable cocoons and transform into confident butterflies. Through these passions, Miss Thibodeaux is determined to inspire people to break the chains of limitations and positively transform the world one person at a time.



**Seaborn B. Carter** is a Ph.D. student in the Biological & Agricultural Engineering Department at Texas A&M, where he is a Sloan Fellow and USDA National Needs Fellow.

A native of Oklahoma City, Carter earned agricultural engineering degrees from Oklahoma State and the University of Kentucky, and an industrial engineering degree from Florida A&M, where he developed an early passion for teaching and industrial production systems.

Carter began his career working for British Petroleum and Alltech Nutrition Company as an engineer. After earning his graduate degree, he was on the faculty at Florida A&M in the Biological & Agricultural Systems Engineering program. It was at FAMU where he discovered his passion for sharing his experiences and knowledge with the next generation and learned he had a gift for communicating.

Carter is a member of First United Methodist Church in College Station and accepted Christ at an early age. He comes from a family of ministers – both his parents and his brother are in the ministry.

He is married to Crystal Spruill Carter of C2 Web Solution. The couple has three children, Ariel, Aaron, and Amaya. Ariel is a freshman food science student at Texas A&M. Carter has also volunteered in the community as a soccer coach, elementary

*school board member, science fair judge, and co-creator of the B3E3 STEM Summer Camp.*



**Eleanor Colvin** is a fourth-generation Methodist who is humbled to have been called by God to serve God's people. Before being appointed as the pastor of FUMC in College Station, she most recently served St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Houston as the associate pastor of Community and Global Ministries. She was ordained as an elder in the Texas Annual Conference in May 2016.

A native of Houston, Rev. Colvin is not a stranger to Bryan/College Station. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Texas A&M and went on to earn a master's degree in fine arts in theater from the University of Houston and a master's of divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

The collective exploration of these disciplines has allowed her to devote her life to telling stories that change lives while engaging her passions: faith and the arts. For example, while serving as director of communications for the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church (2005-2011), she also taught writing classes for people recently released from prison and for those in recovery at a transitional living home. She also served in the worship arts ministry of her home church of St. Mark's UMC. She believes in intersectional ministry that allows God to use the diverse gifts of God's people within the church and most importantly, beyond the church's walls.

Eleanor looks forward to a lifetime of ministry that mobilizes the church to connect with people and communities through service and strong relationships because she believes worship is a lifestyle, not an event. She's also passionate about utilizing the arts to help people explore and deepen their relationships with God and neighbors.



**Marquette Pradia** is a senior health and kinesiology major at Texas A&M. She's held many leadership positions in the Brazos Valley, including community educator, chair of the Carter G. Woodson Black Awareness Committee, and community service director of iVision. Upon graduation, Marquette will return to her hometown of Houston to pursue her Ph.D. in acupuncture and oriental medicine, which she will use to establish her practice joint with community education.

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**Quinton Samuels** has been an aspiring actor/singer since the age of nine and has been in more than 30 stage productions over the span of 30 years while traveling throughout the United States.

He's also a Christian comedian who has done comedy tours all over the nation and has hosted hundreds of events. He won several awards as a gospel rapper and has shared the stage with Kirk Franklin, Donnie McClurkin, Fred Hammond, Kirk Carr and Dr. Bobby Jones, to name a few.

Quinton signed with Heyman Television Agency and attended KD Conservatory School for television acting and voice-overs. He is pursuing his master's degree in cinematography at the Los Angeles Film School and has auditioned for several commercials such as Capital One, AARP, Dodge trucks and John Deere. He landed his first movie role in, "The Big Spoon," which will be released this spring.

Quinton always puts God first in everything he does. He has a love for the city's youth, spending much of his time traveling the nation alongside his wife Natalyn Samuels, speaking to youth at conferences and schools and empowering them to know they are somebody.

Quinton has three rules he uses to guide his steps: Always give God thanks for the gifts that he granted to you; always remain humble; and your attitude determines your altitude.



**Mrs. Natalyn Samuels, M.Ed.** is a certified educator and academic/instructional/life coach. Her career by day is an instructional coach for the Bryan Independent School District. After serving students and educators, she serves her community via numerous activities and organizations. Natalyn is the founder of Swagger Academic Coaching, co-founder of Woman2Woman Empowerment, executive director of Young Men in Unity alongside with her husband and founder Quinton Samuels, and co-director of the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church Youth Ministry. She is a proud graduate of Prairie View A&M, where she received a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies and a master's in education administration. She prays to soon complete her graduate studies toward a doctoral degree from Texas A&M. With God at the head of her life and the support of her loving and family, she has been able to lead a life filled with many blessings. She is a true believer in empowering others to live their lives with purpose. One of her primary goals is to guide others to live their lives to their fullest potential. Educating, empowering and mentoring is her passion and ministry. As an educator, she understands she has the awesome

responsibility of being the change she wants to see in the lives of students and throughout our communities.



**Kevin Brown** *Kinetic Bodies fitness trainer and an ISSA certified trainer, is head of the Kinetic Bodies Fitness Operation. Kevin invests his time toward helping people reconstruct their way of thinking to help their body reach maximum results. His passion for fitness has produced numerous successful clients, and his level of commitment to his clients' overall success is unparalleled. The Kinetic Bodies motto is "Moving Forward, Towards a Better You." Allow Kevin to walk with you along your fitness journey!*



**Rev. Robert Elijah Smith III** *is a native of College Station. Rev. Smith has been married to Odessa Smith for more than 30 years and has one son, Elijah Robert Smith IV. He is a graduate of Texas State Technical College in Waco and Prairie View with a degree in industrial engineering. In 1984, Rev. Smith attended Texas A&M's Criminal Justice Academy. He began a 28-year career with the Bryan Police Department after receiving his Texas Law Enforcement Certification. Simultaneously, he began his call to service as the associate minister at Endtime Evangelistic Pentecostal Church under the watchful care of Bishop M.W. Williams and Apostle S.D. James. Rev. Smith received the rank of sergeant along with numerous awards and commendations in law enforcement. He has been recognized for his many community development collaborations and service to youth efforts. Rev. Smith is a proud member of the Lincoln Former Students Association and is a former Lincoln Advisory Committee member. Notably, he was involved in the inception, inspiration, and improvement of the Lincoln Recreation Center from 1980-1984. He continues to serve the Brazos Valley in various capacities and holds weekly classes at the Lincoln Recreation Center. Today, Robert Elijah Smith III serves as senior pastor of Word of Truth Evangelistic Pentecostal Church in Kilgore.*



**Kyron Green** *is a native of Arkansas and has lived in Bryan since 2007. He has worked for Texas A&M as IT policy security programs administrator and as the IT administrator for the Department of English. He has managed e-learning systems, created nationally recognized IT training, and developed web applications used by the Texas A&M University System and adopted by the Texas Department of Information Resources. In 2012, he left higher education and pursued a job in the private sector. He is the director*

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of information technology for Nutrabort, an INC 5000 recognized company in the nutraceutical life sciences field.

Kyron received a Bachelor of Science degree in computer information systems and was initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., in the fall of 2002 through the Mighty Pi Psi chapter at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He is active with the Pi Alpha Lambda Chapter, where he has served as the treasurer, vice president, and president. Brother Green has demonstrated a strong sense of commitment and dedication to serving others since his inception into the fraternity. He has worked with small mentoring programs and large community/education advocates such as the Southern Education Foundation and leaders such as Lynn Huntley and Joseph Lowery.

Outside of his primary vocation, Brother Green has been ministering since 2008. He has served multiple roles in the church from administrator to church planter. He sits on the board for Faith and Family Agape Ministries based in Miami, Fla., and is active in several ministries at Aldersgate UMC in College Station. Additionally, he is the co-founder of The Shift Group and ShiftBCS, a non-profit organization aimed at providing believers with resources to enhance the propagation of the gospel.



**Jr White** is managing principal of J. White & Associates, a Houston-based staff augmentation and recruiting firm that specializes in providing engineering, project managers, design, environmental remediation and administrative personnel for more than 15 years. Mr. White leads overall operations and staff activities as well as business development for clients in the industrial, construction and environmental remediation market. Jr White is a member of the Society of the Human Resource Management and the Texas A&M Letterman's Association. He graduated from Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in leadership and development.



**Pastor Jeremaine White** was born in Cuero and attended Bryant Medical College in Phoenix, Ariz. He moved to Bryan/College Station in 2005 and became a faithful member of New Testament Baptist Church.

He always knew God had a divine destiny for his life and at the age of 24 was called by God to preach His word. In 2012, he became pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Wellborn, and in 2014 became the proud owner of White's A/C & Appliance in College Station. He and his wife Julie have been married for 10 years and have two daughters: Jailynn (10) and Jahniah (8).



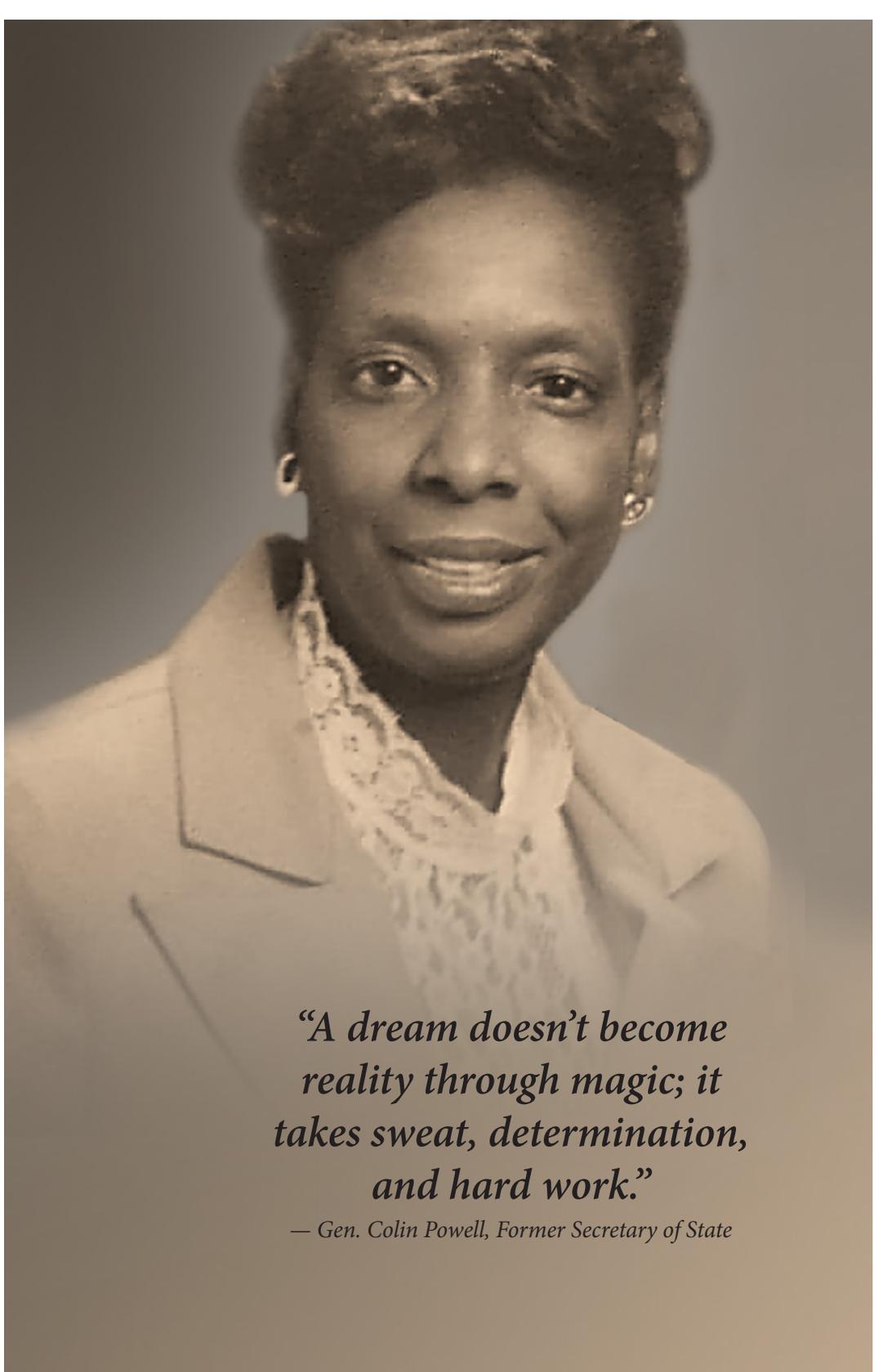
**Brenda Grays** is a Franklin Covey Certified Facilitator in selected programs, including Stephen Covey's, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens." Grays is a program coordinator for the Texas A&M Extension Service's Knowledge Engineering Division and cyber security face-to-face courses. Brenda also facilitates service relationship for the TEEEX Excellence Employees Program and speaks on "Attitude is Everything." She is pursuing her bachelor's degree in business administration. A native of Austin, Grays has lived in the Brazos Valley for 16 years with her husband, Lorenzo, their cattle, and two horses — Cocoa and Hershey. She has two daughters and is the proud grandmother of two boys and four girls.

Brenda chairs the Brazos Valley Executive Women in Texas Government affiliation, serves as vice president on the board of directors for the Brazos Valley Food Bank, is president of Toastmasters Professional Speakers of Bryan and College Station, is a 2014 Leadership Texas graduate and a 2015 graduate of Walt Disney Quality Service Institute, was nominated for Women of Distinction in 2015, serves the Girl Scouts of Central Texas, is a member of the National Association of Professional Women, and was an aerobics instructor for 15 years in Austin. She is a devoted member of the Salem Missionary Baptist Church, serving in many auxiliaries. Traveling with her husband -- especially cruising the Mediterranean -- and playing Bunco with friends and family are her favorite pastimes. Her motto is "Life is Good," and she doesn't take one day for granted.



**Rev. Sam Hill** has been pastor of North Bryan New Birth Baptist Church for nine years and has served in the ministry for 29 years. He arrived in the Bryan/College Station community 31 years ago and didn't plan to stay long. Originally from Wichita, Kan., Pastor Hill is certain that "Only God could have ordered my steps to bring me here and placed such wonderful people in my path who have been such a blessing to me, my wife, my daughters and my grandson."

In May, Pastor Hill and his wife, Djuana, will celebrate 40 years of marriage. Djuana, along with daughters, Anorea and Deja, and grandson, William, "Continue to make life sweeter no matter what the circumstance."



*“A dream doesn’t become  
reality through magic; it  
takes sweat, determination,  
and hard work.”*

— Gen. Colin Powell, Former Secretary of State

# MS. JEAN'S SPIRIT LIVES ON THROUGH DREAM WORKS CONFERENCE

By: Cheletia Johnson,  
Lincoln Recreation Center Assistant Supervisor

*I was privileged to work with a woman of great character who lived by Gen. Powell's words. The late Lillian Jean Clark Robinson, better known as "Ms. Jean," was a former supervisor of the Lincoln Recreation Center. She stood proudly and fought tirelessly to deliver more services to the community.*

*Ms. Jean is no longer with us physically, but her spirit lives on. Without her dreams, the Lincoln Recreation Center would not have started celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Without her dreams, guests of the Lincoln Recreation Center would not be able to see the beautiful mural displaying prominent African-American heroes such as Gen. Powell.*

*Her successors have embraced many of Ms. Jean's great attributes. The visionary and talented Lance Jackson —brother and father figure of the neighborhood, as well as the Lincoln Center's longtime supervisor —continues spearheading many endeavors set in motion by Ms. Jean. For more than 25 years, Lance has made a positive impact on our community.*

*The legacy of dreams, Lance visualized a concept to remember Dr. King through the Dream Works Conference. Dream Works develops civic responsibility through active discussion, participation, and celebration of the legacy and dream of Dr. King. The format provides an opportunity for the public to share thoughts, ideas, and resources. As part of the legacy of the Lincoln Recreation Center, my aspiration is to be a torchbearer, lighting the path for future generations and, someday, adding a scholarship banquet to the MLK weekend. With faith, hope, and determination, I expect this to come to fruition in 2018.*

*We've dreamed for a better community — now it's time to wake up and find solutions for a better community. As Dr. King said, "The time is always right to do the right thing."*

# LINCOLN RECREATION CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

## AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

The Lincoln Recreation Center is hosting a variety of events throughout February to celebrate African-American History Month. We hope to see you there!

### MOVIE NIGHT

**Friday, Feb. 3 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Free**

Munch on popcorn and watch "Remember the Titans" on our 32-foot-high inflatable high-definition screen. "Remember the Titans" is based on the true story of coach Herman Boone -- portrayed by Denzel Washington -- as he molds a racially diverse high school team in Virginia in 1971. Will Patton portrays Bill Yoast, an assistant coach making a transition to help Boone. How these men overcome their differences and turn a group of hostile young men into champions plays out in a remarkable and memorable story.

### FEEL THE BEAT OF THE AFRICAN DRUM

**Monday, Feb. 6 | 6:30 p.m. | Free**  
Live drumming and teachings of West African dance.

### RESEARCH YOUR FAMILY

**Tuesdays: Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28  
10 a.m. | Free**

You're invited to learn how to research your family history, explore your roots and develop a family tree.

## SOUL FOOD & BLUES NIGHT

**Friday, Feb. 17 | 6:30-10 p.m.  
\$10-15/plate**

Sit and enjoy good food for the soul while listening to live Blues and R&B music. The meal will be catered by Johnny Gooden of Gooden's Barbecue.

### EDO DOLLS

**Monday, Feb. 20  
2:30-4:30 p.m. | \$5/person**

The Edo doll is the children's interpretation of traditional ceremonial clothing worn by Edo royalty and dignitaries to the Oba, honoring the beautiful image of the Benin people of Nigeria. Participants will create an Edo doll. The class is designed for all skill levels, especially children and teens.

### NDEBELE DOLLS

**Monday, Feb. 20  
6:30-8:00 p.m. | \$20/person**

Linga Koba dolls are from the Ndebele people in Southern Africa. One of the smallest tribes of the region, the Ndebele are noted for their homes painted in brilliant colors that stand out in the drab countryside. Their clothing is similarly colorful and detailed, and so is the bead work on the Ndebele dolls. Participants will create Ndebele dolls from water bottles, cardboard, fabric, beads and other embellishments.



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For more information about programs and events at the Lincoln Recreation Center

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