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## A Time of Celebration

by **Carlos J. López**, *President & Executive Director*



During May 2013, we have celebrated a number of graduation ceremonies in and outside of the Houston area. The

number of graduates shows a significant increase, as we have welcomed not only Hispanic students, but African-American and students from other ethnic groups. Regardless of their native language, many of our students have demonstrated their interest and enthusiasm in completing our courses. We are excited to have expanded our services thanks to the support of Houston Endowment and the U.S. Government's BTOP program.

We will celebrate many more ceremonies during June, surpassing last year's graduate's figures. The U.S. Federal program under which we have operated ends this year, therefore we will continue to serve the community with the support of generous

individuals and committed corporations, foundations and school districts who have traditionally sponsored our organization. MIGH offers those interested in investing in their education to take advantage of the great educational opportunity we offer at a very low cost (compared with other programs).

In this current issue we share with our audience images of various graduation ceremonies held during this month, which are an expression of success and achievement. Our graduates often attend these events along with their friends and relatives, who sometimes offer to share a positive testimony of pride and gladness for what their relative has accomplished.

We need to highlight the convenience of our program and what it provides in terms of personal advancement. The Mexican Institute of Houston is committed to support those students who faithfully continue their education to reach higher goals.

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## Continue...

We will celebrate many more graduation ceremonies during this second quarter of 2013 in the various cities where we are present, such as Houston, Dallas and San Antonio. We will award hundreds of certificates and will celebrate the achievements of our students. It is our joy to acknowledge those who are working towards a better future for them and their families.

We will also open various second level Word and Excel as well as Basic Computer Literacy courses during this quarter, and will continue developing our "Common Sense" program. We will as well continue to respond to the request of various school districts and community organizations directed to open new Community Learning Centers in their areas, to easily reach out to those willing to learn and acquire new and practical knowledge.

We are constantly training and hiring instructors who are greatly skilled to join our team and who are willing to lead our students to reach their educational goals.

We always receive from our students, many letters and positive testimonials of success and satisfaction. There are many video testimonies we will share with you in the near future: These are a great invitation and inspiring message to other people who can also take advantage of the opportunities we are constantly providing to members of our community.

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 others.

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

We are open to every Hispanic and everyone who wants to prosper through the practical education we provide.

We thank the U.S. Government agencies and many corporations supporting our efforts such as Houston Endowment, CHEVRON, Marathon Oil, Mercantile Bank and many other who are continuously involved in providing the adult community in Texas the opportunity to obtain education in computer literacy.

## Let's keep moving forward to a better future!



## Continuing Education: The Right Path to Achievement

One of the greatest benefits of education is that qualifies us to advance and reach out to better opportunities in life. Workers may derive numerous new opportunities from continuing education, from to help them keep their current jobs, to receive promotions and even to land better jobs or to feel motivated to start their own businesses.

Continuing education allows workers to clarify and understand the purpose and goals linked to their current occupations, as well as to feel better trained to perform more specialized jobs. Nowadays, computer literacy is one of the most relevant requirements to qualify for opportunities in different professions. Some jobs even require the use of specialized software and applications, as well as communication tools, and to get that type of training we have to start by learning the Basic Computer Literacy elements offered by the Mexican Institute of Greater Houston (MIGH) in several Texas' cities.

It is always possible to go back to school and continue learning, especially when it is practical education that can be put to work immediately in many different ways. For adults who did not have an opportunity earlier in life to obtain that type of training, MIGH courses are the right way to get prepared to prosper in life.

Today's MIGH educational opportunities provide many benefits and advantages. In general terms, for adults who do go back to school, over 80% graduate with a degree compared to less than 50% of those who attend college right after high school (U.S. Department of Labor).

Many of our students have wisely chosen to become highly skilled in computer literacy. Our program provides basic training for any worker who wants to obtain more in-depth education that is extremely useful in various professional fields. The Internet and its tools make available unlimited amounts of information and programs our students can benefit from, after becoming computer literate.

The ultimate benefit of continuing education becomes essential when encouraging workers to find and use available technologies to increase work productivity. With the continuous technological advances, the growth of competition for available jobs. The reality of an ever changing manufacturing-based economy to a service based economy makes it imperative that workers in general dedicate time to acquire modern and practical knowledge. Any member of the workforce nowadays needs to know how to work with computers, how to use the latest communication and work related technology to stay up-to-date and be qualified to meet the requirements of the existing job opportunities, which are usually better paid.

You can see in other sections of this newsletter how many Hispanics and members of other minorities decided to get their practical training from MIGH courses. Make your decision today and do not allow yourself to get behind.

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## Supporting Success!

This is an exciting time of celebration for many successful students who decided to join the Mexican Institute of Greater Houston's program to become computer literate.

We rejoice in having over 11,000 graduates, a figure that will soon be superior as we grant computer literacy diplomas during June to hundreds of students who made the effort to achieve success and move forward.

We are celebrating over 20 graduation ceremonies during this second quarter of 2013 in various cities, districts and community organizations in Texas, as our very special way to acknowledge the efforts and determination of our students.

The significant amount of successful students who have completed our educational program are now confident enough to lead their families to a better tomorrow. The training received enables

them to better participate in their children's academic life, become leaders of family advancement and obtain better-paid jobs and be productive members of the region's workforce.

Dear reader, we invite you to contribute to our mission of granting communities the benefits of education: Your valuable contribution will allow us to continue delivering our mission of contributing to a prosperous economy!

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*Your preferred donation amount will be acknowledged with a Donation Certificate, as you are supporting a non-profit 501 c3 organization.*

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# MIGH Graduation Ceremonies

We share with excitement the unforgettable celebrations we held at various school districts in the Houston and Dallas areas during May 2013.

## GRAND PRAIRIE ISD Parent Involvement Center

May 8

42 Graduates



Mr. Francisco Cartagena, MIGH Coordinator for the Dallas region represented our organization at the graduation ceremony.

## KATY ISD Parent Center - Leonard Merrell Center

May 23

65 Graduates



Ms. Sharon Malazzo, Coordinator of Parent Centers and Ms. Elisa E. Farris, Director for ESOL & Bilingual Programs for Katy ISD hosted a successful event. Ms. Jennifer Vaca, MIGH Manager of Educational Programs and CLCs and Mr. Carlos J. López, MIGH President and Executive Director represented MIGH and congratulated all graduates.

## IRVING ISD Parent Center - Irving Administrative Annex

May 30

15 Graduates



Ms. Delia Watley, Director of Parent Involvement for Irving ISD, Mr. Luis Carranza, member of the Board of Directors of MIGH and Mr. Carlos J. López, MIGH President and Executive Director attended the graduation ceremony, during which the District awarded computers to the graduates. Some children of the Graduates took the podium to present their testimony about the great accomplishment of their parents having learned to work with a computer.



# MIGH Graduation Ceremonies

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## HUMBLE ISD Park Lakes Elementary

May 30

42 Graduates



Ms. Deyna Herrera, Coordinator at Park Lakes Elementary, Ms. Miryam Gonzalez, MIGH Instructor attended the event. Mr. Juan E. Jiménez, MIGH Supervisor of Instructors represented MIGH at the graduation ceremony.

## FBISD Armstrong Elementary

May 30

42 Graduates



Ms. Elsa Villarreal, Parent Involvement Coordinator for Armstrong Elementary hosted a meaningful event at the school facilities, to which she invited MIGH friend and benefactor Mr. Renzo Heredia of Univision Radio as Master of Ceremonies. Proud children witnessed the achievements of their parents.



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*We celebrate with joy  
successful parents  
who become leaders  
of family advancement!*

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# Special Announcements

Ms. Bernadette M. Hence, Ed. D., Senior Policy Advisor, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education, at the U.S. Department of Education visited our offices to learn for herself about our program.



We are grateful for the interesting exchange of ideas and points of view that took place during her visit.

Dr. Stephen L. Klineberg, Member of the MIGH Advisory Board visited with one of our groups at our MIGH Computer Lab. He spoke to our students and provided his insight to the class.

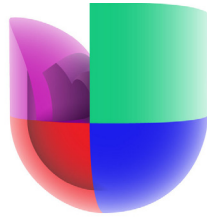


Dr. Klineberg is Co-Director of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University.

## New classes opened in May 2013

- Friendswood ISD, Westwood Elementary School Basic Computer Literacy
- Houston, Wesley Community Center Word 2
- Humble, Christian Chaplain Force Word 2
- Pearland, Adult Reading Center Basic Computer Literacy

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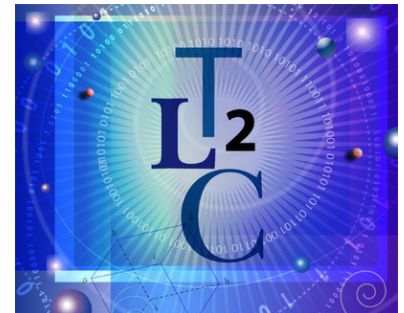
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- Donación de Propiedades (Property Donations)
- Demandas (Lawsuits)
- Divorcios (Divorces) Adopciones (Adoptions)
- Reconocimiento de Hijos (To Acknowledge a Child)
- Corrección de Actas de Nacimiento (Birth Certificate Corrections)
- Juicios de Intestado y Testamentario (Probate- Intestate or with a Last Will)
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