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Paul Quinn College Announces New Urban College Model

Model Includes New Tuition Structure, Free Textbooks, Work Program, and Charter School

Dallas, TX – February 20, 2015 – Paul Quinn College (“Paul Quinn”) President Michael Sorrell announced this week that beginning in the fall of 2015, the school would be adopting a new educational structure. This innovative structure, dubbed the “New Urban College Model,” will feature the following: tuition and fees of \$14,275 (on-campus) and \$9,775 (off-campus); the usage of only open source textbooks; Paul Quinn becoming the first urban Work College; a major shift in pedagogy and an expansion of academic offerings; and the opening of the Trinity Environmental Academy (the first public charter-private college partnership in the State of Texas).

In addition to these changes, Sorrell also announced that Paul Quinn was being counseled on the move to open source educational materials by Dallas Mavericks owner and legendary entrepreneur Mark Cuban. Cuban, who is on record expressing his concern over the rising costs of higher education, is also working with Sorrell on designing a course on entrepreneurship.

“I’m excited to be working with PQC and President Sorrell to help remake the economics of the university experience,” said Mark Cuban. “Our partnership will also include creating a unique approach to teaching entrepreneurship, with any and all materials available under an open source license for other institutions to use.”

“When you look at everything we are doing at Paul Quinn College, it is undeniable that the school is becoming a role model in higher education” said Bishop Vashti McKenzie, the Chair of the Board of Trustees. “Addressing the financial realities of our students, 84% of whom are Pell Grant eligible, and expanding their academic options, reflects Paul Quinn’s ability to respond to both the marketplace and our students’ needs. We are extremely excited about our future.”

“The New Urban College Model is the product of our Board of Trustees and this staff listening to our students and deciding that we could do more to address both their needs and the needs of our community,” stated Paul Quinn College President Michael J. Sorrell. “We decided that it was no longer acceptable to pretend that higher



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education's math equation added up. We think that our students deserve to receive two great academic experiences for the reasonable price of one. This is nation building.”

Paul Quinn senior College Nkza Campbell expressed the sentiment of the student body by saying “It is exciting to be a part of such an innovative and disruptive institution. I, like many students here, transferred into Paul Quinn. We know that it is rare to find a school that actually listens to its students and then acts upon that information. This is part of what makes us special. I am such a proud Quinnite.”

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About Paul Quinn College

Paul Quinn College, the 2011 HBCU of the Year, is a private, faith-based, four-year liberal arts-inspired college founded by and affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The school was founded in Austin, Texas, on April 4, 1872, and is one of the nation's Minority Serving Institutions. The College provides a quality, faith-based education that addresses the academic, social, and Christian development of students and prepares them to be servant leaders and agents of change in the global marketplace. Members of the College's student body, alumni, faculty and staff, called Quinnites, embrace the institutional ethos of “WE over Me” and are dedicated to honoring the “Four Ls of Quinnite Leadership,” which are: Leave places better than you found them; Lead from wherever you are; Live a life that matters; and Love something greater than yourself.

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