PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Houston Refugee Project VISTAs Celebrate MLK Day at The Grand Parade!

The Houston Refugee Project AmeriCorps team celebrated MLK Day of Service with Houston’s MLK Grand Parade. 2020 marked 26 years of The MLK Grande Parade in Midtown Houston, TX. This parade is one of the largest single-day multicultural events in the U.S. The HRP VISTAs along with The Alliance AmeriCorps State and National members assisted with check-in and organizing the parade participants to ensure the parade logistics flowed smoothly and correctly.

AMERICORPS MID YEAR RETREAT & LUNCHEON

The Annual AmeriCorps Mid-Year Retreat & Luncheon offers everyone an opportunity to participate in team building activities in a way that’s fun! It’s also our way to thank you for your continued commitment to service and making an outstanding impact in the great city of Houston! We will be participating in an Escape Room and Grabing Lunch after

**Time:** 10:30am February 28, 2020

**Location:** Escape Room (1500 West Sam Houston Pkwy N #100, Houston, TX 77043) Followed by Lunch at BellaGreen (800B Town and Country Blvd, Houston, TX 77024)
**VISTA OF THE MONTH**

By Dr. Peta -Gay Ledbetter, Clinical Director, The Wellness Center

Jess Potestas, The Alliance Community Engagement

VISTA is the VISTA of The Month for February!

He is always super fast with any requests that I make. He is always a cheerful team member. He has also been given the task of receiving and disbursing any donations we receive at Alliance and he's done a great job! Besides being actively involved with planning, he is a great participant, singing at the Holiday party and cheering others on!

**BIRTHDAYS!**

Nancy Boyette: Feb 9
Leboria Moore: Feb 19
Jesse Potestas: Feb 20

**A TIP FOR EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP**

Know how to develop a team. One of the primary traits of an effective leader is the ability to develop team members. An effective leader can build people up and create a stronger team, which benefits everyone involved. They can do this because they pay attention to the strengths and weaknesses of the team as a whole, as well as those of each team member.

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Need to get out of the house? Check out all the exciting and sometimes free things to do in Houston this month!

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Be My Valentine Fun Run/Walk
2/12 Wednesday 6-7 am

WeMeet Houston
Networking & Social Mixer
2/13 Thursday 6-8 pm

Credit & Money Management Workshop
2/15 Saturday 11 am-12pm

Tour of the Public Art of the University of Houston System
2/7 Friday 12-1 pm

Storytelling Workshop - Making Connections with Storytelling
2/8 Saturday 8:30 am-2 pm

West African Film Festival Screening
2/29 Saturday 12-2 pm

Good Notes: Journaling + Meditation - Galleria
2/26 Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm

The Office Trivia Night!
2/10 Monday 8 pm

Restorative Justice Collaborative of Houston Community Meeting
2/9 Sunday 2-4 pm

Black and Blue: Lest We Forget, Vicki Meek Art Exhibition
2/22 Saturday 12-5 pm, other various dates are open as well

Dance Fitness - Free Community Class: Tuesdays
Tuesdays 8-9 pm

2019 Emerging Writer Fellowship Reading & Reception
2/22 Saturday 7-9 pm

Houston Grand Opera presents Free Preview Performance of Marian's Song
2/10 Monday 7--8:30 pm

The Poets Corner Open Mic
Tuesdays 7:30-10 pm

The Wellness Walk (Black History Month Edition)
2/15 Saturday 8-9:30 am

TOAST. Beer & Food Festival
2/29 Saturday 11 am-7 pm

Writers Lunch: Mark Haber, Author Of Reinhardt's Garden
2/6 Thursday 1-3 pm

Bright Star Theater presents George Washington Carver & Friends
2/22 Saturday 2-3 pm