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PRV NEWSLETTER

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About our newsletter

Welcome to The Billboard! Our PRV monthly digital newsletter.

This newsletter was created so that we can protect the identity of the justice involved youth we work for while creating a bridge of awareness and transparency to the community of what is possible when we empower youth in their pursuit of a better life and provide them with adequate support to get there.

In addition to highlighting PRV intern achievements, this newsletter shares information about community partner collaborations and is committed to bringing awareness to initiatives and events that build community and impact the greater Houston area in a positive way.

Each month we select one person or organization to receive "The Grammy" for their exemplary work creating positive change.

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The Opportunity Center Winter Market

Our youth have been hard; creating their individual brands and product lines through our 9-week course that implements learning by lecture, media, vision-board creation, and hands-on training. Students have been busy learning about the entrepreneur mindset, cultivating creativity, financial literacy and budgeting, branding and marketing, and more. Through hands-on training, students will bring raw ideas to life!

In addition to formal sales presentations with on campus staff and community partners; our students will have the opportunity to stage their products for sale at the first **winter market at The Opportunity Center December 9th from 10am - 2pm.**

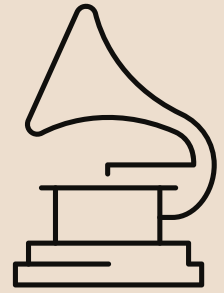
Join us at **6500A Chimney Rock Rd. Houston, TX 77081** to see their final products as well as support other local vendors.



THE GRAMMY

OCTOBER 2023 RECIPIENT

MICHELLE AVALOS



THE GRAMMY: REALIZING POTENTIAL

Michelle Avalos has been selected as The Grammy recipient this month for her commitment to supporting changemakers (especially first gen individuals) in realizing their potential. As co-founder of Impact Hub Houston, [Tech23](#), and Creative Vida; Michelle is committed to empowering diverse changemakers, first generation college students, Latinos in Tech, entrepreneurs, and innovators to create inclusive and equitable spaces and build an ecosystem where people work together across industries, cultures, identities, geographies, and generations in the city of Houston. In addition to her nonprofit ventures, Michelle serves on the advisory committee for Baker Ripley Pasadena Campus, business trainer at the West Houston Institute, and ambassador at Hispanic star – committed to further expanding her capacity to support others as they realize their potential.

In the Fall of 2021 Michelle bridge a collaboration between Impact Hub Houston and Baker Ripley to create the Young Leaders Academy to pilot a program “designed for youth ages 18-24 from the City of South Houston, Pasadena, Deer Park, Galena Park, and La Porte who were recent high school graduates (or had a GED) and were exploring college or their first career path.”



This year, Impact Hub Houston hosted a Hispanic Business Summit - a collaborative event hosted during Latino Entrepreneurs Week focused around the “impact of Latino entrepreneurship in Houston, small business success stories, and a panel of lenders for tips on accessing business capital” along with the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#), [Houston Christian University \(HCU\)](#), and [Baker Ripley](#). In recognition of the richness of Hispanic culture, and in full commitment to empowering Hispanic voices; the Hispanic Business Summit was hosted entirely in Spanish - recognizing origin roots of the Hispanic community and disrupting the historical anecdote of assimilation.

We admire your dedication to community and are honored to award you as The Grammy recipient in helping others build meaningful connections that realize potential.

VERSE VAULT

**UNLOCKING THE UNTOLD STORIES OF OUR YOUTH - THESE ARE
THEIR VERSES.**

Body

Mind filled with regrets and trust issues
Heart cold and broken into many pieces
Face that shows nothing but pain and anger
Spirit searching for happiness and love
Hands that strike with anger
Feet that can't stop walking into trouble
Eyes that have stop tears from falling and seen a lot of
mistakes
Mouth that stays close
Legs that separate at every problem with no reply
Consciousness that believes love is death and trust is no
more
Nervous that blends in with the winters blister
Arms that block out emotions and stays distance

by: Morgan Crowell

EVENTS

You're Invited!

The Opportunity Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

WE ARE PLEASED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO YOU FOR THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY OF THE OPPORTUNITY CENTER, A TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVE OF HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THIS EVENT MARKS A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN OUR ONGOING EFFORTS OF JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

LOCATION: THE OPPORTUNITY CENTER
ADDRESS: 6500A CHIMNEY ROCK RD
HOUSTON, TX 77081

AGENDA

9:00 AM - OPTIONAL TOURS

10:00 AM - OPENING REMARKS

10:05 AM - GUEST SPEAKERS

10:30 AM - CLOSING REMARKS

10:40 AM - RIBBON CUTTING & PICTURES

11:00 AM - ADJOURN



SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP

2023 GENERAL & CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION

The City of Houston, Texas, will conduct a General and Special Election (the "Election") on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

(Early Voting ends
November 3rd)

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your local voting
location](#)

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and

[here you can learn
more about the
candidates and what](#)