



NNOA Houston prepares High School Students for College

On November 13, 2011, the Houston Chapter of NNOA teamed up with the Urban League Young Professionals to help prepare over 150 high school students for college. The one-day event was held at Texas Southern University and was led, in part, by one of NNOA Houston's esteemed members, Mr. Xavier Samuels. Students were provided tutorials and tips on selecting the right institution, applying for admission, financial aid and other critical facets of the college preparatory process. Students were also provided additional guidance on leadership and life skills for success.



NNOA Houston and Urban league Young Professionals event organizers. From left, Elijah Thomas, ENS Eric Hudson, April Todd, ENS Sabrina Taylor, Vinnika Johnson, LCDR Will Watson, and LCDR Christy Rutherford.

NNOA Houston members served as mentors to help facilitate sessions and more importantly



ENS Sabrina Taylor, an engineer afloat with B.S. in Civil Engineering, speaks with several students interested in becoming engineers.



LCDR Christy Rutherford shares tips on degree field choices.

drew from their professional experiences in areas such as Engineering and Finance thus providing greater insight for the students. This occasion was also a great opportunity for NNOA Houston to represent the sea services and share the benefits of a career as a Commissioned Officer. Many of the students were unaware that Commissioned Officers worked within many of the professional disciplines they sought. Once the connection was made, a robust and educational discussion took place! We look forward to joining with the Urban League Young Professionals next year!

NNOA Houston is committed to getting involved in the local community and making a positive impact. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us at NNOAHouston@comcast.net. For more information about NNOA, go to www.nnoa.org.