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**PALO VERDE COLLEGE**

WHERE KNOWLEDGE TAKES ROOT AND OPPORTUNITY GROWS

March 26-March 31, 2018

# Student Application

**Applications due no later than Friday, March 9, 2018 at 12 p.m.**

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STEPPING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



# BLACK COLLEGE

## Spring Tour

**9** Palo Verde College students have an opportunity to tour and learn more about Historically-Black Colleges and Universities!

MARCH 26-31, 2018

SPELMAN COLLEGE  
CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY  
MOREHOUSE COLLEGE  
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY  
HAMPTON UNIVERSITY  
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

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March 9, 2018  
by 12 p.m.

### TOUR INCLUDES

College Campus Tours Roundtrip Airfare Breakfast Ground Transportation  
Hotel Accommodations Cultural Excursions PRE departure orientation Senior portfolio coordinator  
HBCU Tour Tshirt On-site admissions Backpack and Workbook

PVC Students: Tour includes Dinner Meals



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# Black College Spring Tour Student Application\*

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Completed Credits \_\_\_\_\_ Credits in Process \_\_\_\_\_

Projected Graduation/Transfer/Completion Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a previous HBCU College Tour sponsored by Palo Verde College? (Circle One) Yes or No

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Attention Applicant:

The Stepping in the Right Direction Black College Spring Tour is open to Palo Verde College students who have **a minimum of a 2.5 GPA**, have **declared a major**, in **good academic standing**, have plans to **transfer**, and have never attended a Black College Fair sponsored by Palo Verde College.

Each answer to the essay questions is worth up to 25 points for a total of 100 points. Applicants will be evaluated on the Ideas, Voice, Word Choice, and Punctuation/Grammar. This year, applicants who meet the minimum requirements will also participate in an interview the week of March 12th. The **nine (9)** applicants with the highest overall score will be notified no later than **Friday, March 16, 2018**.

Following the Spring Tour, attendees will be required to present a short 15-minute presentation to the Student Success & Support/Student Equity Committee. Details will be discussed at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact Jaclyn Randall, PVC Student Success Manager at 760-921-5503 by email [jrandall@paloverde.edu](mailto:jrandall@paloverde.edu) or speak with your counselor.

Answer **one (1)** of the following questions on a separate document. All responses must be typed in 12-font and double-spaced. Your answer should be between 200-500 words. Use the included “Personal Narrative Rubric” below to help guide your answers.

Essay #1 –

Describe an experience where you were unsuccessful in achieving your goal. What lessons did you learn from this experience?

Essay #2 –

What do you plan on doing after you graduate from college?

Essay #3 –

Presuming there was only one open spot remaining on the Black College Spring Tour, why should this committee choose you to attend over the next student?

*“Personal Narrative Rubric”*

**Punctuation/Grammar**

*Before turning in your responses, make sure your name and Student ID are at the top of each page of your response.*

	<b>Ideas</b>	<b>Voice</b>	<b>Word Choice</b>	<b>Conventions</b>
<b>100%</b>	<b>5</b> The narrative shows an unforgettable experience. The details make the story truly memorable.	<b>5</b> The writer’s voice creates an unforgettable experience for the reader.	<b>5</b> The writer’s exceptional word choice captures the experience.	<b>5</b> Punctuation and grammar are correct. The writing is free from spelling errors.
<b>90%</b>	<b>4</b> The writer shows an interesting experience. Details help create the interest.	<b>4</b> The writer’s personal voice creates interest in the story. Dialogue is used.	<b>4</b> Specific nouns, strong verbs, and well-chosen modifiers create vivid pictures and express clear feelings.	<b>4</b> The narrative has a few minor errors in punctuation, spelling, or grammar.
<b>80%</b>	<b>3</b> The writer tells about an interesting experience. More details are needed.	<b>3</b> The writer’s voice creates interest in the story. More dialogue is needed.	<b>3</b> Specific nouns, strong verbs are used. Modifiers are needed to create a clearer picture.	<b>3</b> The writing has several errors in punctuation, spelling, or grammar.
<b>70%</b>	<b>2</b> The writer needs to focus on one experience. Some details do not relate to the story.	<b>2</b> A voice can usually be heard. More dialogue is needed.	<b>2</b> Strong nouns, verbs and modifiers are needed to create a clear picture.	<b>2</b> Some errors confuse the reader.
<b>60%</b>	<b>1</b> The writer needs to focus on one experience. Details are needed.	<b>1</b> The voice is weak. Dialogue is needed.	<b>1</b> General and overused words do not create a clear picture.	<b>1</b> Many errors make the writing confusing and hard to read.

Example Essay Submission

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Joe B. Pirate

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**Essay #1** –

**Describe an experience where you were unsuccessful in achieving your goal. What lessons did you learn from this experience?**

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Size 12-font,  
double-spaced

## Application Checklist

Prior to submitting the application use the checklist to verify all documents are included:

- |  | Check |
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| 1) Black College Spring Tour Student Application   | _____ |
| 2) Essays 1, 2 or 3 on a separate document, using 12-font and double-spaced.                           | _____ |
| 3) Full Name (first and last) and your Student ID are displayed at the top of all pages of submission. | _____ |

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