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A-WOW International Girls Leadership Initiative
Annual Mentoring Symposium Retreat
“Communication in the Context of Writing”

A-WOW International Girls Leadership Initiative (A-WOW IGLI) will host its Annual Mentoring Symposium Retreat “Communication in the Context of Writing”.

The two-day retreat will be a gathering of prominent, influential and inspirational corporate, business and community leaders, who will engage the youth by providing professional knowledge, expertise, guidance on written communication and the skill-set needed to become a successful leader in a competitive and global world.

The symposium aims to empower, enrich and educate by promoting and spotlighting the work and leadership skills of each participant. Emphasis is placed on the importance of understanding basic corporate, creative and cross-cultural written communication.

Participants will learn:

- Participants will learn the different kinds of business writing skills [letters, reports, electronic and synthesis]
- Participants will learn the impact and relation between written communication and cultural.
- Participants will experience the joy of writing and freedom of expression while learning creative writing.

Enrollment cost (Early Bird Special - Before September 22):

- \$30 per person
- \$50 for two [bring a classmate, bring a friend]

Fee covers:

- Hotel stay
- Meals (breakfast, lunch and snacks)
- Action labs, seminar and
- All material and supplies (books, writing & reading material, pencils, journals, etc.)

Participants must meet the following requirements:

- Submit a completed application package, all required documents, and forms by September 29, 2012.
- Be ages, 16-21.

A-WOW IGLI actively fosters an environment in which young women can discover and reveal her unique voice. Participants in A-WOW IGLI thrive as they explore the far edges of their capabilities as students, leaders, volunteers, friends and citizens in an ever-changing world. They are challenged and nurtured to become their best selves and to make meaningful contributions to their local communities.

For interviews, please contact Carolyn Wright, A-WOW IGLI Director of Operations at (214) 995-1927 or via email to admin@awow.us. Thank you for taking decisive actions to make a positive impact in the lives of each young lady by helping [AWOW](http://awow.us) to achieve its mission to “Empower, Enrich, Educate”.



Agenda

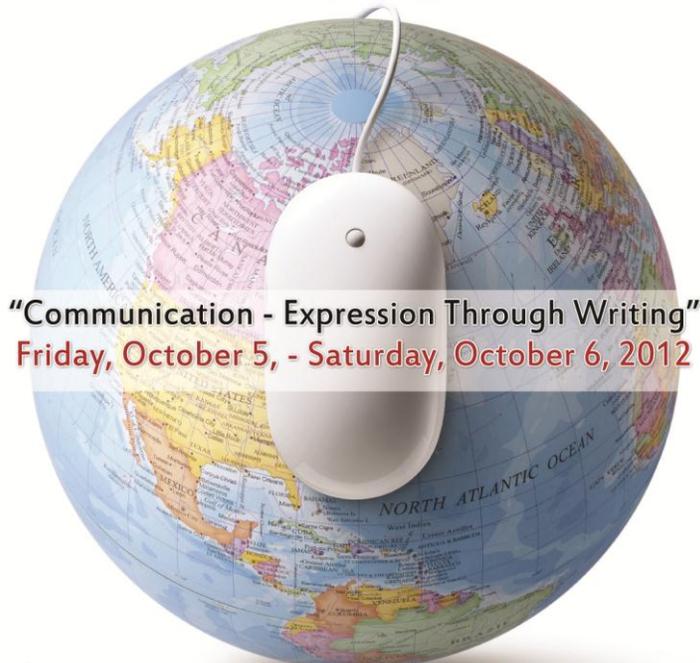
Day One | Friday - October 5 | "Communication in the Context of Writing"

07:00 - 07:30 pm	Registration & Orientation
07:30 - 09:00 pm	
09:00 - 10:00 pm	Free time
10:00 - 11:00 pm	Me time [please take this time to journal and prepare for tomorrow].
11:00 pm	Goodnight

Day Two | Saturday - October 6 | "Communication in the Context of Writing"

07:00 - 07:30 am	Supervised morning walk - daily journaling
08:30 - 09:30 am	Breakfast
10:00 - 11:00 am	Emily Newsome [Basic Writing Skills for Business - Part I]
11:00 - 11:10 am	Break
11:10 - 12:00 pm	Emily Newsome [Basics Writing Skills for Business - Part II]
12:00 - 01:00 pm	Lunch
01:00 - 02:00 pm	Cheryl Robinson [Creative Writing "The Writer in You"]
02:30 - 02:40 pm	Break
02:40 - 04:40 pm	Cheryl Robinson [Creative Writing "Expression through Writing"]
04:40 - 05:00 pm	Departure - Pick up [participants not attending the State Fair] State Fair of Texas

Annual Mentoring Symposium Retreat



"Communication - Expression Through Writing"
Friday, October 5, - Saturday, October 6, 2012

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**Speakers:**

Emily M. Newsome, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, moved to Dallas, Texas in 1996. She has studied at the University of Chicago, DePaul University, Case Western Reserve University and American Public University. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Theological Studies from Texas Bible Institute and Seminary in 2011 and an advanced certificate in Biblical Counseling in 2012.

Emily has been perfecting her literary craft since the fifth grade. Her work has been published in the 1995 and 2005 National Library of Poetry anthologies, both the 1975 and 1996 editions of Lindsay Patterson's anthology, *A Rock against the Wind*, and the 1997 anthology *Kente Cloth: Southwest Voices of the African Diaspora*, edited by Jas. Mardis. Her first self-published volume of poetry, *Phoenix*, received limited circulation in 1980, and is currently being considered for a second release. In 1997, she published a second collection of poems entitled *Seasons of Desire: Love Poems for Ordinary People*. A third collection, entitled *Just Like God Made Me* is in the works, along with a companion CD entitled *And Here I Am* featuring recorded excerpts from the book.

In 1998, she was recognized by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts, and has received the 2004 and 2005 Texas Gospel Excellence Award, First Runner Up in the Spoken Word category, and the 2008 Sherone award.

Poetry has served as a springboard for Ms. Newsome's preaching and motivational speaking, mixing it with her personal testimony and spiritual philosophy. She has served in several community organizations in various capacities including the St. Philip's Neighborhood Development Corporation, The Triangle Neighborhood Association, The Texas Gospel Announcers Guild and My Second Chance, Inc., an organization that provides supportive housing for women emerging from a host of adverse circumstances.

Emily is currently a minister on staff at Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Lamar Walton.

Cheryl W. Robinson is a gifted and talented writer hailing from Buffalo, New York. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Media Communications from Medaille College located in her native city.

Cheryl has a unique talent of taking practical situations and turning them into spiritually moving and thought provoking prose with the elegance and grace she naturally possesses. Her spirited essays and poetry have appeared in several print publications and online venues including *Chicken Bones: A Journal for Literary & Artistic African-American themes*, *411 Sports and Entertainment Magazine*, *rolling out magazine*, *The Black Scroll* and many more. Additionally, she is also a staff writer for the popular gospel magazine, *Epitome*. Moreover, she is an alumna of the prestigious Hurston -Wright Writers Week founded by the acclaimed author Marita Golden. Her Curriculum Vitae includes conversations with prominent sports figures, actors, dignitaries and community heroes, including, Emmitt Smith, Jerry Stackhouse, Cedric the Entertainer, Hill Harper and others.

The divorced mother of two is also an award winning writer for American Airlines Inc and the 2012 Chair of the company's African American Employee Resource Group. (AAERG)

Ms. Robinson is the proud mother of two adult children and in her spare time, she enjoys reading, writing, movies, traveling and more writing. By God's grace, she endeavors to complete her first book, "The Spirit of a Father's Daughter," later this year. In the meantime, her prayer is that her writing will continue to encourage, minister, inspire and motivate others to love, live and laugh.