# **Curriculum Vitae**



Based on his unique life experiences in the U.S. education system as a professional and as a student, Blake "Professor B" Simon developed a keen passion to prepare students and families for post-secondary success. After spending half of a decade in higher education as a financial aid counselor working closely with students, he moved on from a successful career to pursue his passion full-time. He created "The Transition" platform which has impacted thousands of students and families across the nation through transparent talks, thought provoking sessions, and practical curriculums focused on cognitive development, life skills, and the first year experience.

# **EDUCATION**

- Master of Arts, Prairie View A&M University 2016, Prairie View, TX Counseling
- Bachelor of Arts, Prairie View A&M University 2011, Prairie View, TX Criminal Justice

#### HIGHER EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Houston Community College Student Success EDUC1300, 2018- Present
- Higher Education Consultant, Blake Simon & Associates, 2015- Present
- Financial Aid Counselor Prairie View A&M University, 2011-2015

### PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- Simon, B. D. (2016). The Transition Guide & Journal: A Simple Tool for Students to Help Maximize the College Experience (1<sup>st</sup> ed.). ISBN-13: 978-1535337250
- Simon, B. D. (2017). The Transition: A Simple Guide to Help Visionaries Transition to the Next Level. ISBN-13: 978-1540791191
- Simon, B. D. (2017). The Transition Guide & Journal: A Simple Tool for Students to Help Maximize the College Experience (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). ISBN-13: 978-1973955092

# **SPEAKING HIGHLIGHTS 2018**

- Houston Health Department, Houston, TX Moderator on Teen Dating Violence & Masculinity
- Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX COB Summer Bridge Transition Session w/ Transition Book
- Envision Experience- NYLF: Medicine, Atlanta, GA (July) Closing Keynote Speaker
- Envision Experience- NYLF: Medicine, Houston, TX (July) Closing Keynote Speaker
- Envision Experience- NYLF: Medicine, Atlanta, GA (June) Closing Keynote Speaker
- Chauncy Glover Project, Houston, TX Workshop Speaker (College Readiness)
- Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX Spring Professional Development Speaker
- Abbeville High School, Abbeville, LA- Pathway To Success Speaker
- Parris Foundation (TRIO) Fort Bend The Transition Session w/ Transition Book
- San Jacinto College, Houston, TX- Men of Honor The Transition Session w/ Transition Book
- North Forest Senior High School, Houston, TX- The Transition Session w/ Transition Book
- Legends Do Live Senior Fest, Missouri City, TX- Guest Speaker
- Thurgood Marshall High School, Missouri City, TX- Senior Breakfast Keynote Speaker
- Imagine Excellence Experience Conference, Houston, TX- Speaker
- Xi Alpha Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Houston, TX- Transition Session

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