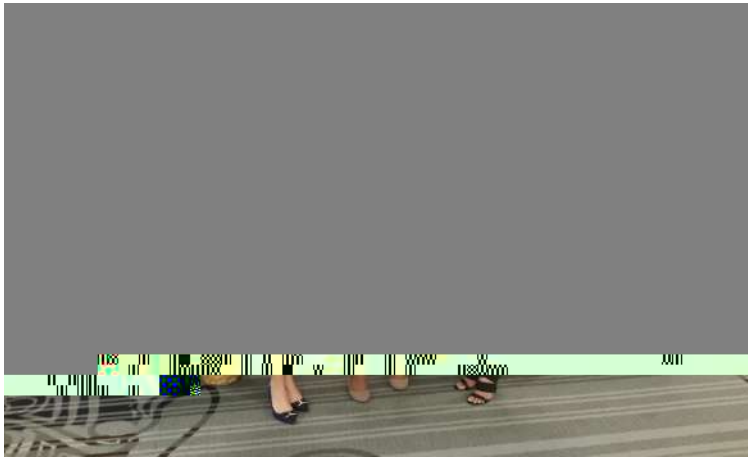


Academics

## East-West University's Student Leadership Dinner



dent Leadership Dinner at the Hilton Hotel. To have so many successful powerful people in one room along with my fellow peers was truly astonishing. Being around positive people gives o a good aura, so being in a room full of so many successful powerful people [e.g. Congressman Danny Davis and Deputy Mayor Andrea Zopp] was equivalent to a nuclear bomb of positive energy. I Appreciate what I have, where I am in life and more importantly, what I will achieve!"

East-West University's once again I got to meet the Student Leadership Dinner congressman [Danny Davis]. was held on ursday, No In addition, the dinner was a vember 16, 2017. at the Hiltonsuccess because the important Chicago at 720 South Michi thing were the students who gan in the Waldorf Room. e were getting acknowledged. It dinner was held in honor of was their day to have fun and East-West students on Dean's for once to forget about the List, Student Ambassadors stress that they have. e food and EWU basketpball team e was really good and the des Phantoms. ere was a recep sert was the best because that tion and silent auction at 6:00 was something that i nished. p.m. followed by dinner at It was a great day for me just 7:00 p.m. to enjoy and to have fun".

Moses Villanueva told Phantom Press: "My experi Demetrius Protho says: "I can't nd the words to ence at the dinner in the Hil express what it meant to be a ton Hotel was great because part of the 3rd Annual Stu

Students on Dean's List who received awards:

- Emmanuel Fadipe
- Maya Fard
- Prashannah Mahindanraj
- Carol Medina
- Dharti Patel
- Naman Patel
- Smita Rani Smita Rani
- William Taylor
- Vidhi Vyas

Student Ambassadors who received awards:

- Ricardo Antunez
- Lydia Basanes
- Dulguun Bold-Erdene
- Rosalie Estrada






# Student government elections

On February 1, 2018 East-West students will vote in the student government elections. Positions in the student government: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Candidates:  
Students have suggested the following initiatives for their government:

1. EWU website: advertise clubs and activities
2. "Positive fundraising": Raise money for activities, e.g. for trips, for Phantom Press, etc.
3. Capitalize on diversity of talents: invite our students who own businesses or make crafts to a vendor fair, organize cultural

events, open mic, photography exhibit, sharing music ...

4. More mingling between cultures. Encourage Chinese, Mongolian, Mexican, Indian, Pakistani, Eastern European students to share their heritage, e.g. similar to Diwali celebration
5. Decorate L-Lounge, foyer, window facing Michigan Ave to showcase EWU

By Tim Black Jr.

No Excuse Organization is the key for our youth. There are many elementary schools closing down in my neighborhood. I asked to myself often, do they care about us? Without schools, centers, or after school programs

# e Fuel of a Millennial

By Lydia Basanes

spread across the room. Being in  
an arena surrounded by hopes,

Chance the Rapper did  
the honors by introducing Presi  
dent Barack Obama and Michelle  
Obama to the stage. For 3 long  
minutes everyone was screaming,  
clapping, and yelling – the love

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# Homo sapiens' Race for Survival and Dominance Begins Now

By: Rahil Vahora

One of the hottest topics of discussion today in numerous publications and academic communities around the world is: how artificial intelligence (“the thinking machine”) is going to redefine our world, either for better or worst. The quest which underlies all those intriguing debates is to resolve, that will homo sapiens endure the impact of a technology which is far more intelligent? and whether we would become the masters or slaves of it? Well, such fears are justifiable because what we are about to face has never happened before. For centuries, human beings have thrived on technology. We started with wheels, and as of now the most ubiquitous, advanced technology is our smartphone. However, what we never had before was a machine that could think like us and act like us; all more rapidly than our mind can even comprehend. Unfortunately, learning from the past is not an option here. Well then, what we must do? How homo sapiens – an intelligent creature – should prepare to withstand the impact and inescapably, preside over a “super intelligent” creature? The article tries to answer this pressing, hard-to-answer question of our



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## Lost Art of Reading



and think  
about our  
childhood.  
How dif  
ferent is it  
compared  
to your  
children

By Gloria Whitehead

Are you investing into your  
children ?

Let's sit back and take a moment



# Your Luxury is Our Displacement

By Titiana Rice

To understand what is happening in the world today you must look at your Neighborhood. If you look closely you will see that the neighborhood that you once knew is no more. I grew up in a predominantly black neighborhood. It was also called the projects, 3-16 story buildings with families who have low to no income. Everyone knew everyone and it was one. When you are raised in the projects you have no idea that there is a whole other world out there. They had given the families options to move to different neighborhoods. Which meant a lot of vacancies. You slowly see the whites move in your neighborhood where we lived for years and then it happened, Gentrification. It was not a big push, it happened gracefully and slowly. So you ask what gentrification is. Well, Natalie Moore describes it as "Gentrification is a boogeyman on Chicago's South Side. But in reality it's a phantom. The term is bandied about whenever people experience or anticipate neighborhood change" in the Chicago Sun Times. She calls it the boogeyman because they come and take the neighborhood right from under you. Gentrification in so many words means that the wealthy moves in the poor neighborhoods and start to raise housing cost so the poor can't stay.

Pilsen

You have some people believe that gentrification is good and other thinks of it as being a monster. This is where the great debate comes in. When you take a walk down Pilsen streets, you see spray painted quotes

like this one. Pilsen which was once a predominated Latino neighborhood have drastically changed. Over the last two decades Pilsen has seen a drop in Latinos. Over 10,000 Latinos have left the neighborhood going back Mexico. In 2000 Pilsen was 90% Latino with second and third generations of immigrants but that has changed since over 10,000 have left Pilsen according to the U.S. Census Bureau. (Lulay 2016) Pilsen is slowly losing its culture and ethnicity because of gentrification. Now in 2010 that 90% has fallen to nearly 80% of Latinos in Pilsen.

Watching the documentary of Class Divide (Levin 2016) it was enlightening to see that in one neighborhood where gentrification is taking place, you have a Private school directly across the street from the projects. This school has a tuition of about \$40,000. This school sits in their neighborhood and their own children can't even afford to attend because of the high tuition price. The families of this poor neighborhood are scared because if this happened with a school they all are wondering when will they be forced out completely.

While reading parts of Matt Hern book: What a city is for, he said something that stood out to me which was "contained through exclusionary zoning, predatory lending, and racist

real estate's practices. African American have been aggressively displaced- by rising housing cost, developers eager to get rid of low income families".

In Natalie Moore's book: The South Side, a Professor Robert J. Sampson from Harvard University stated he "found that in black Chicago neighborhoods, gentrification stopped in places where the population was at least 40% blacks" (Moore 2017). After reading the south side the segregation showed. Moore stated that

she paid \$170,000 for a house in Bronzeville and had it later appraised for \$90,000 (Moore 2017).

In doing my research there is belief that gentrification and segregation goes hand and hand. To go into another neighborhood and gentrify it you are displacing a lot of families that have lived there for years. I truly understand the quote that your luxury is our displacement. Gentrification in any neighborhood could be good and it should be agreed upon by the community in which the gentrifying would

take place. Give the residents in the neighborhood a chance to have a choice in something that could cause so much change.

Finishing what I started  
By Tyisha Witherspoon

I graduated from high school in 2001, at the time I was 18 years old, and a single parent of a 4 month old, my trade at school was Diesel Mechanics, I was offered a job at CTA for the summer working on bus engines, something that

I did not enjoy. I decided to attend college fall of 2001 at East West University to further my education to make a better living for me and my son. I didn't know much about the school except that my father worked there, I never considered really furthering my education but I knew I had to do something.

From the beginning was great, I was extremely interested in computer programming at the time (that was a quick dream) and I met some really great people. As time went on, the classes eventually became tough I was working a part time job and my focus shifted more into employment and growing my income. Finishing school was in my way I decided to take some time off to work full time to be more independent and make more money. Sounds easy right? Well let's say I ended up with a bunch of dead end jobs

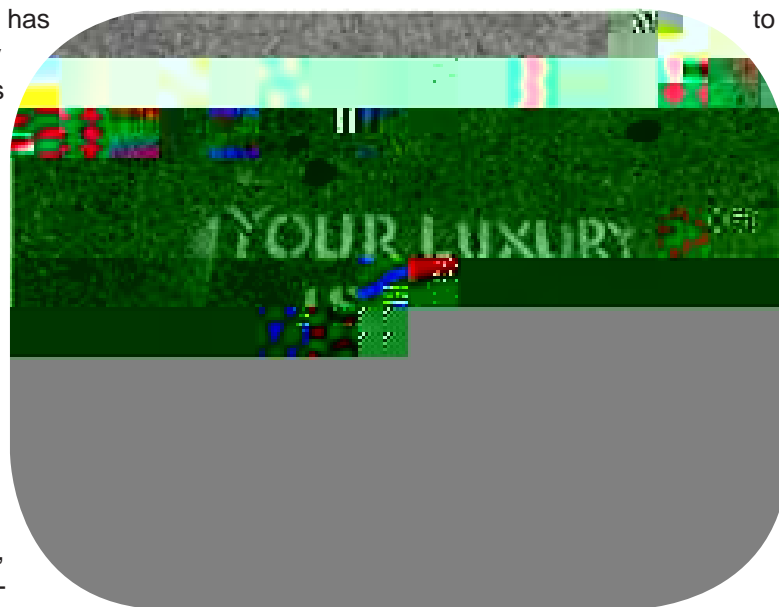
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to see what opportunities were available for me and still was unable to find a job, or career that was suitable for me. It took years for me to find a job that I was happy with, earnings, environment, and something that would lean towards a career.

I have been at my Company for 4 years, being at my job made me decide to go back to school to finish my Bachelor's degree, even though a degree doesn't guarantee you a Job, I would like to have options and opportunities that some people may not have, I would like to show my kids to always finish what you started no matter what life throws at you. I don't to ever want to be stuck at a place where I can't expand my skills set to higher levels.

So I returned back to school, so when I'm done I could have some choices and accomplishments to be proud of, something my children can follow as well, even though I wish I would have never stopped I know I had to go through some things in order for me to be the person I am today, I realize the mistakes I made and the things in life I don't notice. Finishing what I started and I'm







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## What is it like living in the hood?

By Nana Manu

My name is Manu and I was born and raised in Chicago in the Gage Park neighborhood and I currently live in the Bronzeville neighborhood and my experience living in the hood is like living in "death row". We face the same situation all day everyday such as drug trafficking, poverty, and even gang affiliations. Also, I come from the city where we couldn't tell the difference between reworks and shooting guns on the 4th of July.

things out, and settle their differences. Now people rather kill than talk (that's the true definition of actions speak louder than words).

Living in the hood is not safe for anyone. It's like every man for themselves. Everyday in the hood, we see trash everywhere, but the trash bins are empty; there are loud people who think that everyone within three blocks wants to listen to their stupid rap music.

It's not easy, but anyone can change their life.

When we were kids, everyone loved to dress up for Halloween going out for trick-or-treating with no problems; but now, as we got older, nobody wants to take their younger siblings to go trick-or-treating because people are so ignorant that they will throw frozen eggs at random people for no reason.

If people had a problem with one another over a small situation, then people would have a man-to-man or woman-to-woman conversation, talked

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## Friendships

By Essence Brown

You know when you are little and think you know everything? Remember? Haha! Yes! But do you also remember when your parents told you "not everyone is your friend"? Believe it or not, that statement is 100% right. I learned the hard way that some people mean you no good. On the other hand, some people might be great for

You have to deal with people reciprocally. In other words, mirror the person, treat them how you want to be treated and vice versa. Everyone benefits from each other, whether it's getting the best advice about a relationship, or buying your friend/coworker lunch. You just have to learn from people, let them be the one to teach right from wrong. When you'll

# Happiest Moment of my Life

By Rina Patel



Life is full of moments. Some are happy while other is sad but both the moments teach us new things and are unforgettable. In a life of a woman the most two happy moments are getting married and giving birth to a kid. In my life the happiest moment was giving birth to my kid Raj. He kept his legs in this beautiful world in May 10th 1998. It was an auspicious day as per Hindu calendar. At the time of birth his father was too happy than me as he was his loving one. In most cases if there is a girl child than she most loved by father and a boy is most loved by mother but in my case it was

By:Stanesha Adams

At East West I am a Biology Major., but when I first got here I wasn't. I was so determined to become an African-American History teacher. I wanted to teach my people as well as others about my history. The history that often gets half told. I loved learning about who I am and where I came from and I wanted others to feel proud too. I wanted people to respect it. Or at least that's what I thought I wanted to do.

I still want people to understand us. However, I used this as a cover-up. I was frightened to do what I wanted to do. I always wanted to be

# Hinduism is not a religion but a way of life

By: Prashannah Mahindan and thinking rather than an organized religion. e Hindu religion shows a remarkable syncretism conciliating a great number of beliefs and practices. It involves all the aspects of the human life and is not reduced to a simple ideology. e daily

raj

Hinduism is a major world religion originated in India it includes varied symptoms of philosophy, believes and ritual. No one knows who was founder and when he started to believe in Hinduism.

Hinduism, or more appropriately, "Sanatana Dharma"(eternal religion), is a way of living