

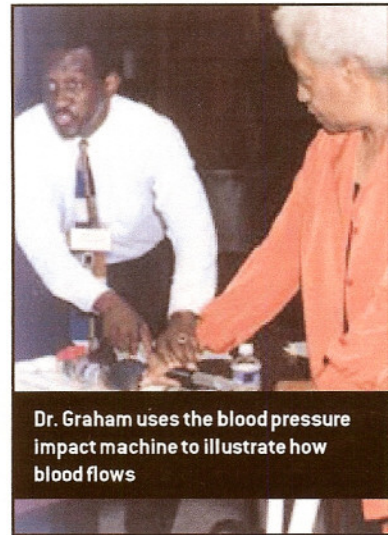
Online Education Doubter Turns DBA Alumna

Almost 30 years ago, **Than Lam (DBA 2007)** made the decision to flee the Communist regime in Vietnam. Since arriving in the United States, as one of the first refugees, he has pursued education as his path to the American dream.

"When I arrived here, I spoke no English, but I was determined to make my life a success. I had to begin my education all over again, starting with passing the GED," noted Lam, who today is the collaborative engineering applications chief architect of the engineering staff at Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems and Sensors in New Jersey. After adapting to life in the U.S., Lam received his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from SUNY Maritime College, and two master's—a Master's of Engineering Science in Computer Engineering and an MBA—both from Penn State. Despite three degrees, Lam still felt he had more to learn. In 2003, he enrolled in University of Phoenix's Doctor of Business Administration program, but not without a few reservations.

"Having completed my first three degrees at a local campus I was a doubter of online education, but I...found the program to be challenging and rewarding. I am a different person today because of [that degree and it has enabled me] to make better contributions to my company," said Lam. In fact, Dr. Lam's leadership and technical knowledge are acknowledged as key factors in Lockheed Martin's successful bid for a multi-billion dollar contract. Not to mention that of the 11 ideas accepted in Lockheed's Entrepreneurial Business Competition, three of them were Dr. Lam's.

And those initial concerns about online education? They are long gone. In fact, Dr. Lam has since served as an adjunct faculty member creating and teaching online courses for Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont, and MBA classes locally, at Rowan University in New Jersey.



Dr. Graham uses the blood pressure impact machine to illustrate how blood flows

Dr. Graham Patents Blood Pressure Impact Machine

Dr. Lennox Graham (DM 2008) invented the Blood Pressure Impact Machine in 1996 (patented in 2008), a device that is designed to give a visual representation of the effects of high blood pressure on the blood vessels of the body. Dr. Graham developed the machine in order to visually illustrate the ...

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Dr. Judith Church (DHA 2007), the first University of Phoenix Doctor of Health Administration program graduate, recently was appointed to the Ohio Board of Nursing by Governor Ted Strickland. Dr. Church is the administrative director of nursing for the division of professional development with the Kettering Health Network, where she has been employed for over 25 years.

Alumna Appointed to State of Ohio Board of Nursing

"[This is] a career dream that's been fulfilled," stated Dr. Church whose appointment will be for four years. She is one of eight registered nurses on the board, along with four licensed practical nurses and one consumer.

Although she does not know what the future will hold for her and the health care industry, she firmly believes that disease management and patient treatment will change. One of her goals is to actively support RNs in becoming more effective leaders amidst the challenges of today's changing health care environment. She is passionate about professional nursing practice and with this appointment she can continue to make a difference.

Dr. Church enrolled in the Doctor of Health Administration program to view

the health care field from a broader perspective, specifically in terms of business and finance theories. The program helped her to see the operations side of the health care industry. Further, she learned from the expertise of her faculty members and learning team members.

"We have to advance our formal education and certify ourselves within our specialties to maintain the public's trust in us," she said. "We continue to be the number one profession who's trusted by the public, and we do that by being accountable and always working to better ourselves to improve excellence in our patient care."



University of Phoenix Supports the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute's Annual Conference

March 17-21st, University of Phoenix was a proud co-chair sponsor of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute's (USHLI) 2009 Conference in Chicago, Illinois. We are proud to support USHLI in their mission to train a broad cross-section of Hispanic leaders by promoting education, unity and leadership development and creating a servant leadership community. The conference is the largest cross-generational Hispanic conference in the nation, attracting leaders of all ages from over 40 states and 1,000 affiliated groups and organizations to celebrate Hispanic heritage and further empower communities. Our own Brian Messer, state VP of Missouri and Wisconsin, spoke at the conference Educational Achievement Luncheon. University of Phoenix was proud to be a part of this exciting event, supporting USHLI in their hard work educating present and future leaders who will help govern our cities, schools, states and nation.

University of Phoenix Makes the Top 100 Corporate Citizen's List

In March 2009, Corporate Responsibility Officer Magazine (CRO), the nation's leading media platform for Corporate Responsibility practitioners, unveiled its 10th annual 100 Best Corporate Citizens List. The highly regarded list ranks the corporate responsibility efforts of companies based on publicly available information in seven areas: environment, climate change, human rights, philanthropy, employee relations, financial and governance. For the first time ever, University of Phoenix was listed in the Best Corporate Citizens list in recognition of their performance across a wide range of corporate citizenship and social responsibility issues. A complete list of CRO's 100 Best Corporate Citizens is available on the CRO's Web site www.thecro.com.

Medical Tips from the Inside

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Raya is a registered nurse and was inspired to write the book after years of hearing the same concerns from patients. "[I would hear stories from clients] saying that if they had known questions to ask their doctor, or if they had gotten a second opinion, or better understood their medical tests, they probably would not be in the situation they were in." Her book, written as an easy-to-read guide, helps people navigate the complex health care system much more easily. "My goal was to be able to help at least one person get better care," says Raya who also has published several articles in nursing journals and has been a contributing author in *Legal Nurse*.

The book covers such topics as The Patient's Bill of Rights, the importance of participating in your health care, preventing medical errors, and has chapters on caring for the young, caring for the elderly, and women's and men's health. *Medical Tips* is a reference book that enables the reader to understand the processes needed to make informed decisions about their health care.

Blood Pressure Impact Machine

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difference between a healthy blood pressure rate and the impact of bad pressure on a person's health.

"Most people are unaware that high blood pressure is one of the silent killers of Americans, and the impact that diet and exercise can have on a person's long term health." Dr. Graham came up with the idea for the Blood Pressure Impact Machine in 1994, and today it is used in schools, hospitals and clinics nationwide.

While today Dr. Graham is a human relations presenter for Linvis Enterprises, focusing on self-esteem and self empowerment, he has previously served as director of outreach programs at the University of Maryland, Department of Family Medicine where he managed grants to help underserved populations receive medical care and increase the awareness of health-related topics.

In 2002 he was recognized by then Governor Parris Glendening for his dedicated efforts and outstanding services in health care. At the same time, he was honored by the Maryland House of Delegates for his outstanding contributions in the field of health care education, which included the following programs: Empowering African American Men to Access Care, the Howard Park Initiative, and Prostate Cancer Making a Difference. "It is important to get men to take ownership of their health and to move them from sick care to preventative care," said Dr. Graham.