

### **Civic engagement learning model to educate on HIV/AIDS at an HBCU/HSI College**

**Solomon Nfor**

St. Philip's College, USA

Jessica's project is a non-profit organization affiliated with the St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas. It is a civic engagement project that brings faculty, staff and students together to impact change on various topics including education about diseases associated with diet, teenage and unplanned pregnancy, the operation of community gardens and hunger banquets. I will like to present at this conference, high impact practices in teaching and learning using civic engagement, how to develop research interest in science students on the topic of HIV/AIDS and getting students involved in demystifying notions about HIV/AIDS patients or the disease. Because of their low-income status, many east side citizens resigned on healthy lifestyle as it being associated with the rich and affluent; a notion we are intent to erase by the special collaborative program engineered by our team at St. Philip's College, encourage healthy eating habits through lunch and learn workshops at the garden or various nutrition programs hosted by the churches, educate the community on HIV/AIDS and related diseases through active research by students and poster presentation, encourage a culture of health in HIV/AIDS population and increase routine medical checkups for adult and teenagers by hosting wellness week on campus with free medical checkup. This training presentation will give the participant an opportunity to design a community-based project.

#### **Biography**

Solomon Nfor has completed his PhD in Higher Education and Administration from University of the Incarnate Word and two Master's degrees in Biotechnology from University of Texas at San Antonio and in Zoology from University of Buea. He is also a Nurse and a Medical Laboratory Technologist. He is the Founder and Coordinator of St. Philip's College Jessica's Project, a civic engagement organization geared at educating students on current diseases.

[snfor@alamo.edu](mailto:snfor@alamo.edu)

**Notes:**