

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROVOST SCHOLARS  
Intensive University Seminar  
Session One – Fall 2015  
Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, 2:30pm-5:00pm  
1650 E. 66<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH 44102**

**Purpose**

The Provost Scholars will visit Chateau Hough, a vineyard and inner city garden in the Hough neighborhood started by Mr. Mansfield Frazier. Mr. Frazier started his vineyard on three-quarters of an acre between an abandoned home, a long-shuttered library, and a vacant corner store with 14 rows of vines. The Scholars will tour Mr. Frazier's vineyard and learn how he has helped transform a segment of his community with gardening, employment, and community engagement.

**Presenter Biography**



**Mr. Mansfield Frazier** is in his early 70s and oversees and manages a vineyard in Cleveland's Hough neighborhood. He has garnered years of experience and dramatically transformed his life after serving three years in the American federal prison system in the mid-1990s. Reflecting on his experiences in prison, he published *From Behind the Wall*, a book on America's correctional system and race relations. Since publishing his book, he has leveraged his writing and civic connections to become a leader in Cleveland's African-American community. He regularly contributes to Cool Cleveland, a local online publication; hosts a local radio show; and publishes *Reentry Advocate*, a magazine focused on the successful return of prisoners to society. One of his greatest successes is Chateau Hough, a vineyard and 'biocellar' set on reclaimed land. Biocellars are transformed basements of abandoned homes used to house solar greenhouses. The vineyard was started with a \$15,000 grant from the city and \$8,000 from Mr. Frazier's

savings. His goal is to beautify the lot and generate employment for jobseekers reentering the workforce. More details about his work can be found here: <http://chateauhough.org/news-events/>.

**Objectives**

**The Provost Scholars will...**

- (1) Learn how to utilize and leverage their community resources to create entrepreneurial opportunities, generate employment, better their circumstances and support their neighbors and families
- (2) Understand community building techniques that serve the best interests of their communities

**Agenda**

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.: The Provost Scholars will travel from Shaw High School to Chateau Hough  
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: The Scholars will receive a tour of Chateau Hough  
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Seminar Speaker, Mr. Mansfield Frazier, will discuss his work and history  
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Wrap up, reflection and preparation for the journey home  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: The Provost Scholars will have dinner at a local restaurant

**Faculty & Staff**

- Dr. Faye Gary
- Katrice Williams, Master's Student, Program Manager

**Guest**

- Mr. Mansfield Frazier

**Words of the Week: Biocellar. What does it mean?** A renovated cellar in an abandoned home which is used to house a solar greenhouse and grow a variety of plants