Wow! I don’t know about you, but it seems like I just left here. Time doesn’t really fly, but the perception of it moving fast clearly falls into my consciousness sometimes with just the feeling that I have too much to do. There is always something I feel I have to do, or someone that needs me for something. The latter is a blessing really, to be able to help someone in their time of need, no matter how small that need may appear to us. I have said it before how grateful and blessed I am to have the life that I have, my family, (which is most important), and my friends. While our lives may not have been the storybook we may have imagined, I hope that you, like me, are happy. Which brings me to a thought I’d like to share, if you don’t mind :)..

Each year many of us take time to make New Year’s resolutions, in an attempt, (I think), to recommit ourselves to something we feel is important enough to us to make a resolution about getting it done. It’s usually along the lines of losing weight, saving more money for some future purpose, or re-committing to something in our past resolutions that didn’t quite make it. We say to ourselves just imagine if…

I used to think about it, and feel like I wasn’t a good person, because I couldn’t/wouldn’t keep all of my resolutions. Then I thought, I haven’t done anything wrong. All I’ve done is make a decision that what I thought was important wasn’t as important anymore. As long as it doesn’t affect anyone else, then I can live with changing my mind, accepting the responsibility for the decision and move right along. For the resolutions that might have involved others, I am a man of my word, so I have and will keep those, and my integrity. What I’ve realized is that when I stopped just imagining and started living in the moment, and taking control and responsibility for the things that I wanted to happen, then it started to be fun. Over the years, I have learned an incredible amount about myself and had a lot of fun. The good news is I’m not done yet! I’m looking forward to this New Year and all of the challenges and opportunities that will present themselves. I resolve to face them with an open mind, a smile on my face and a spirit of thankfulness. I invite you all to join me in just quietly saying to yourself, that this year will be my year, regardless of what happens. Whatever it is, have faith that it will all work out to be in your best interest. Not to sound like I’m preachin’ or anything, but I believe if we have an attitude of gratitude, then this year and what is in store for each of us can’t help but make it a great one.

Hotep, (peace)
Hello there. 😊 My name is Pamela Marie Parham and I am the eldest of four children. Two of my siblings work for UCI, Thomas and Gerald. My other brother, William Parham also works in academia. All three of my brothers are alumni of UCI. I have a very beautiful daughter, Nichole Murray, who is an attorney working and living in Los Angeles. I have a host of nieces and nephews of whom I am very proud of the lives they have made for themselves. I am very blessed to have the family that I do.

My working career did not start in academia but in the corporate world. I have varied experience in working for small and large manufacturing firms, mortgage companies, and third party administrators of employee benefits. I have enjoyed acquiring my various experiences and skills, which have made me marketable and adaptable in any work environment. Thus I was/am fortunate of find myself working for the UC Irvine, School of Law, where I have been part of the management team since 2008, just prior to the opening in 2009.

I am a political junkie and follow just about everything on the national level as well as some local politics. I am also an avid reader and have a very eclectic reading interest. I enjoy political thrillers, sci-fi fantasy, bios on folks I find interesting, and current thoughts on our political landscape.
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Where are they now?

HELP! This section is a place where we can highlight, brag about, share the successes of some outstanding alumni that have graced these halls and grounds. Business folks, Dr.’s, Lawyers, Teacher’s, Administrators, Entertainer’s, Homemakers, and the list goes on. The challenge is, I can only account for so many. So, if you know someone who graduated from here, check with them first, but we’d like to share what’s going on with them in this space. If you graduated from UCI and now work here, this qualifies you to submit information sharing with us where you are now :), (other than the obvious). For alumni that do not work here, we are proud of them and would ask you in your contact with them to have them send all information to gparham@uci.edu.

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Cross Cultural Center; [http://www.ccc.uci.edu/](http://www.ccc.uci.edu/)

Employee Assistance: [http://www.cascadecenters.com](http://www.cascadecenters.com)


Teaching, Learning, Technology Center: [http://www.tltc.uci.edu/](http://www.tltc.uci.edu/)


**Community**

NAACP: [http://naacp.org](http://naacp.org)

OC Black Chamber: [http://ocblackchamber.com](http://ocblackchamber.com)

100 Black Men of Orange County: [http://www.100bmoc.com](http://www.100bmoc.com)

THE Greenlining Institute [www.greenlining.org/academy](http://www.greenlining.org/academy)

National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Orange County
[http://www.nc100bwoc.org](http://www.nc100bwoc.org)

