

HIGH SIGHT

HighSight's mission is to provide academic and social support to Chicago high school students. HighSight provides scholarships, tutoring, mentoring, leadership development and college readiness programs to enable its students to attend and succeed at the private high school of their choice.



The 17th annual EVE of the EVE, held December 30, 2010 at Chicago Union Station, was a tremendous success. This year's event raised \$175,000 for HighSight scholarships - an impressive figure in any year, but especially impressive given the continuing economic climate.

We are deeply grateful to all our guests, supporters and sponsors, whose generosity helps to provide scholarships, tutoring, mentoring, leadership development and college readiness programs so our scholars may continue to succeed at Chicago's private high schools.

➤ To view all the pictures and press from EVE of the EVE 2010, please visit highsight.org.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities for EVE of the EVE 2011 or any of HighSight's upcoming fundraisers, please contact Melinda Green at 312.787.9824 ext. 228 or e-mail melinda.green@highsight.org.

MEET OUR STAFF

Mark Duhon, Founder & Executive Director

Mark co-founded HighSight in 1992 and has served as its executive director ever since. He has grown the organization from initially serving seven students to more than 100 each year. In addition to raising \$1,000,000 annually to operate the organization, Mark works closely with the students to assist them in reaching their full academic potential and motivating the students to move on to college. A native of Akron, Ohio, Mark graduated in 1988 from The Ohio State University. He currently lives with his wife and two children in Chicago.

Maggie Caravello, Personal Development Director

Maggie began her association with HighSight as a volunteer in 1997. She facilitated a variety of workshops, retreats and programs, including The Dale Carnegie Course for Young Adults. She came on board full-time in 2001. With over 18 years of experience in the field of personal development, Maggie is committed to providing opportunities for individuals to realize their full potential. She supports students academically throughout the school year, identifies and places students in summer enrichment programs and facilitates summer leadership programs. Maggie graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS and MS from the College of Communications, Department of Advertising.

Melinda Green, Development Coordinator

Melinda came to HighSight in the summer of 2009 from one of our partnering high schools: Holy Trinity. She spent eight years at Holy Trinity focusing on student recruitment and special events. Melinda is passionate about supporting quality education in Chicago and giving students the opportunity to attend the high school of their choice. She now coordinates all of HighSight's fundraising efforts including special events and donor communication. Melinda graduated from DePaul University with a BA in Psychology.



Left to right:
Maggie Caravello, Mark Duhon, Patty Hart, Melinda Green, Sr. Stephanie Schmidts.

Patty Hart, Program Director

Patty joined HighSight's staff part-time in 2003, working as a reading teacher in the High School Prep Summer Program and later as the Freshman Summer Program writing teacher. While part-time at HighSight, Patty worked full time for two years at St. Scholastica Academy and one year at Mt. Carmel High School as a Spanish teacher. In August of 2006, she joined HighSight's staff full time and works as the program director and college counselor. Patty graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA in Spanish literature and an MA in Sociology.

Sr. Stephanie Schmidts, Insight Coordinator

Sister Stephanie Schmidts, Insight Tutor Mentor Director, is a member of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion. She is a Canadian native who spent her entire adult life in the United States. She has over 30 years experience as a teacher, counselor and administrator in both elementary and college prep High School in Kansas City, Missouri. For the past 20 years, she directed the Insight Program on the Near North Side which in 2004 became part of HighSight. Sister Stephanie holds a BA from Maryville University and an MA both from Catholic University and the University of San Francisco. She has been a Pastoral Associate in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

We recently redesigned our website and encourage you to check-out all the new features. Please visit www.highsight.org and let us know what you think.

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THANK YOU INVEST FOR KIDS



Invest For Kids was co-founded by Ron Levin and Ben Kovler and was inspired by the Ira Sohn Conference in New York. Top money managers from around the world presented their coveted ideas to a packed crowd of over seven hundred at the Second Annual Invest For Kids Conference on November 3, 2010 at Chicago's Harris Theater. The investable ideas conference raised over \$1 million, all of which will directly benefit seven local children's charities, including HighSight.

Some of the 2010 presenters included top money managers Sam Zell, Richard Driehaus, John Rogers, William Ackman, and Meredith Whitney. All of the speakers, most of whom do not speak or share their ideas publicly, provided their rare and generous appearances at no charge.

Invest For Kids was a tremendous success. "By design, the seven charities we chose are all smaller organizations with modest budgets," said Ron Levin. "Our gifts, approximately \$150,000 per organization, will represent 10-20% of their operating budgets and allow these organizations to grow many critically important programs benefiting the lives of so many children."

Celebrated Chefs is an exciting new program that helps HighSight raise funds all year long. Simply dine at any of the fabulous Celebrated Chefs restaurants and 5% of your bill will be donated to HighSight. Enrollment is free and includes a complimentary Celebrated Chefs cookbook featuring recipes from the area's best chefs. Sign up today at www.celebratedchefs.com.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Maureen Barradas

- > St. Scholastica, Class of 2005
- > Carleton College, Class of 2009



For most of her life, Maureen grew up in single-parent household. She credits her mom, who came to Chicago from Manila, Philippines, for "imparting her work ethic to me and reminding me I had the luxury to develop my mind so that I could someday be paid to think, not just do. Seeing my mom work hard all the time made studying feel like a luxury. She taught me to take school seriously and that education provides the most reliable ticket for wider options in life."

Maureen was only ten years old when she moved to the United States with her mom and older sister. She grew up babysitting her four nieces and nephews, balancing family responsibilities with schoolwork and participating in after school activities. Maureen's mother worked two full-time jobs to make ends meet, while sending money back to Manila to support relatives.

Before moving to Chicago, Maureen attended St. Scholastica's College, a preparatory grade school in the Philippines. Her mother wanted her to continue in the Benedictine tradition of hard work and service to others so she chose St. Scholastica Academy for high school.

Maureen's favorite HighSight memories are from the summers she spent being a student leader for the incoming freshmen classes. "It was great inducting these new scholars into the HighSight culture and getting them into the mindset of high school," she recalls. "HighSight provided me with the personal development I needed to be my own advocate. My HighSight mentors always encouraged me to ask questions, taught me how to express myself articulately, and regularly asked me to reflect on my strengths."

In 2004, HighSight nominated Maureen for The Posse Foundation and she ultimately received a full-tuition scholarship to attend Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. "I would not have benefited from Posse had HighSight not nominated me, or helped me throughout the rigorous selection process. By nominating me for Posse, HighSight changed my life," she explains.

After graduating from Carleton in 2009, Maureen did a year of service through AmeriCorps. "HighSight was so formative that I wanted to give back in the same way my mentors did for me when I was in high school. As I neared graduation from Carleton, I looked around the classroom and failed to see faces like mine, students from my economic and ethnic background. I wanted to help address this disparity and worked with low-income students, most of whom were Latino, from Highland Park High School. I mentored and tutored them, often telling them of my HighSight experiences and my own mentors when I was in high school," she shares.

Currently in New York, Maureen recently began working for Teach For America where she supports the external talent recruitment team in identifying strong candidates for their staff.



2005 HighSight Graduation with Mentor Chris Wolf

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» HIGHTSIGHT CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Monday, May 16, 2011

Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Rhapsody

65 East Adams Street

Tickets: \$100

Tables: \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500

Class of 2011

Monday, May 23, 2011

Class of 2011 Graduation

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Holy Trinity High School

1443 West Division Street



Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Midsummer Eve of the Eve

5:30pm – 9:30pm

The Plaza at Park Grill

11 North Michigan Avenue

Tickets: \$50

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