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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF E-LEARNING

BRIDGET ADU-DAPAAH Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 2021

Even with the global crisis changing everything, I manage to stay on top of my work and strengthen my communication and time-management skills I picked up at HighSight. In the process, I've learned not to give up even when things get tough, like adapting to my new e-learning routine.

Here's what an average new-reality day looks like for me.

MORNING

> **6:00**

Wake up, brush my teeth, shower, and eat breakfast.

> **6:45**

Study for upcoming tests and reflect on the previous school day.

> **7:55**

Get video backdrop ready and log in for my first class, Spanish. Spend time reviewing homework with my teacher and practicing Spanish with my classmates.

> **9:00**

Attend my next class, Peer Ministry. I come up with prayers and music for our prayer services, checking in with my group for ideas in our new reality.

> **10:25**

Environmental Science class, where we focus on daily issues in the environment and come up with a group solution to our problems. I also check with my teacher about any assignments for the day.

> **11:50**

My final class – English. I check in with my teacher about my upcoming test and get my work done, working with my group on answers for our assignments.

AFTERNOON

> **1:00**

I reflect on the day and what assignments I need to finish today.

> **1:30**

A 30-minute break...and then on to doing my hardest homework first.

> **4:00**

By this time I am finished with my homework. I start making study guides and tackle tasks that still need to be done.

EVENING

> **5:00**

I meet with my writing coach, Matt Morrison, a HighSight volunteer. He gives me feedback on my personal essay for my college applications.

> **6:00**

Dinner with my family, and I treat myself to a little bit of Netflix after the work I have done for the day.

> **7:00**

Before bed, I study for my tests again and get ready for the next school day.

Bridget is a senior and student leader at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts H.S. in Chicago, where she participates in the marching band and other extracurricular activities.



Bridget celebrated her farewell with co-workers from her Summer 2019 internship at the law offices of Katten Muchin Rosenman, through the Chicago Summer Business Institute. She was recognized for her excellent work, earning CSBI's leadership award.

ALUMNI REFLECTIONS



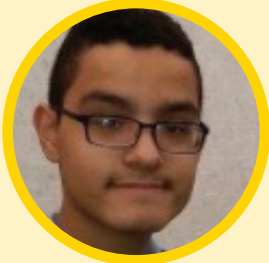
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How has HighSight impacted your journey?

“I didn’t realize until later in my life that HighSight provided me more than just academic support. The life lessons I walked away with were even more invaluable. My HighSight mentors helped reinforce positive behaviors that helped me in and out of the office – discipline, accountability, authenticity, humility. As a result, I’ve had the amazing opportunity to work for several Fortune 500 companies across the country.”

Genesis Tirado

Senior HR Manager – Office of the President, United Airlines
Gordon Tech High School '08
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, BS '13 & MS '15

“Beyond setting a high-bar for academic excellence that translated to a successful college career, HighSight’s greatest impact on my life was exposing me to a world outside of my Southside Chicago community. In large part, it is because of HighSight and its mentors that I am able to pursue confidently opportunities and feel as though I belong in the spaces – be them personal or professional – that I now navigate.”

Vonzell Coleman

Vice President, Enterprise Software, Silicon Valley Bank
De La Salle Institute '09
University of Wisconsin-Madison, BA '14

“HighSight really shaped my way of thinking, with lessons about being proactive and beginning with the end in mind. I really use HighSight learning in college when it comes to studying and getting support from my professors. The etiquette and networking skills I was introduced to by HighSight come to my mind when I am in such settings, like when I recently presented student demands to the Dean for changes in our curriculum and programs to better support and reflect the Black community.”

Sparkle Whitaker

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts H.S. '18
Washington University in St. Louis '22

“What I gained from my HighSight experience that has helped me get to where I am today is the mindset of a champion. I learned that it is not enough to do what it takes to get by, but rather it’s best to do what it takes to thrive. I have applied this mindset to everything that I do, every single day.”

Christopher Razo

Incoming Associate, Polsinelli PC
De La Salle Institute '13
Furman University, BA '17
Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, JD '20

“HighSight is a very important part of not only my high school years but of my life. Through this program that I now call family I learned so much about what it means to flourish and grow from the inside out. I have also learned how beneficial stepping out of your comfort zone is, because it is not until we do, that new opportunities appear.”

Jacqueline Munoz

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts H.S. '20
DePauw University '24

“HighSight helped my family and me with the burden of financing an education. I also received crucial guidance that prepared me and allowed me to thrive as a Black person in predominantly white institutions.”

Daryl Brown II

Independent Filmmaker & Digital Organizer, darylbrownfilm.com
De La Salle Institute '14
Connecticut College, BA '18
Chapman University, MFA '20

“The HighSight experience was life-changing for me because it had me work hard to achieve my successes, no matter the obstacles. There’s absolutely nothing that HighSight could have added or done differently that would have made it more helpful than it was. From start to finish, from freshman to senior year, all these experiences shaped my preparedness for college, and I hope that HighSight continues to do this for prospective generations far into the future.”

Francisco Avila

Mount Carmel High School '20
DePauw University '24

“I owe my college experience and every opportunity that has come my way at Kalamazoo to HighSight. My life has changed immensely since I became a student here. Often when I feel stuck, I look back at the lessons I learned at HighSight to guide myself. This has been very helpful, especially as I’m working on my senior thesis and applying for a Fulbright scholarship and grad school.”

Cristina Guzman

Holy Trinity High School '17
Kalamazoo College '21

“My HighSight experience instilled invaluable skills. One of my greatest takeaways I still use today is stepping out of my comfort zone, to make bold moves by being comfortable with being uncomfortable in order to grow and learn. My sister and I couldn’t have imagined being where we are professionally with parents who never went through college...we couldn’t have accomplished all that we have without our HighSight family. We appreciate the groundwork you guys put in with both of us to help us flourish.”

Delana Colvin

Senior Healthcare Representative, Pfizer
Mother McAuley Liberal Arts H.S. '07
DePauw University, BA '11
DePaul University, MA '13

“HighSight provided me with opportunities for both personal and scholastic growth that exposed me to diverse ideas, people, and experiences. My life has been forever changed by this program, and that change is for the better.”

Jameson Taylor

HighSight Board of Directors
Financial Services Professional, JP Morgan Chase
Gordon Tech High School '08
Illinois Wesleyan University, BA '12

“I constantly remember the staff advice at HighSight: Work hard, be nice. Being kind, while also being outstanding and confident in my career are the biggest gifts HighSight gave me.”

Jacky Neri Arias

Director, Center for Cultural Liberation, Dominican University
Holy Trinity High School '09
Kenyon College, BA '13
University of Maryland, M.Ed. '16

HighSight provides scholarships, tutoring, mentoring, leadership development, and college readiness programs that create new possibilities for Chicago high school students from low-income families. The HighSight experience empowers our scholars to excel in high school and graduate from four-year colleges across the country.

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DePaul University
DePauw University
Dominican University
Eastern Illinois University
Furman University

Gettysburg College
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Hope College
Illinois College
Illinois State University
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
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Marquette University
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