

# HIGH SIGHT

A BETTER EDUCATION.  
THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

**WHEN YOU SET  
YOUR SIGHTS HIGH,  
EXCELLENCE CAN  
BE ACHIEVED.**

**20%**

higher cumulative  
GPA than their  
high school  
classmates

**100%**

of HighSight scholars  
earn a full-tuition  
college scholarship

**\$191k**

in average 4-year  
college scholarships  
for each HighSight  
graduate

# MAKING IT HAPPEN

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## More than just doing well in high school...

Great things can unfold when a community of dedicated scholars, mentors, and donors come together with a common goal.

**It's what we have been doing since 1992**, connecting students from some of the most challenged parts of Chicago with the resources they need to thrive.

What HighSight scholars achieve is quite impressive, considering most were just average middle school students. HighSight's mission is to help these young people with great attitudes and supportive families **transform into high-performing scholars** and set them up with the tools and opportunities to achieve their goals.

**And it works. HighSight scholars are excelling at high-quality colleges on full-tuition scholarships** and graduating at significantly higher rates than other low-income students nationally.

## ...HighSight helps scholars thrive in college and beyond.

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*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 feel as though I belong in the spaces – be they personal or professional – that I now navigate.*

*“Far too often, lack of opportunity doesn't allow the promise or potential of a young mind to be realized. HighSight stands to recognize potential, cultivate promise, and – most importantly – provide opportunity to students and families that wouldn't have these otherwise.”*



**Vonzell Coleman**

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

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NOW

250+

**In 1992, we started with seven students. Now we work with more than 250 each year, building success in high school, college, and beyond.**

# The **HIGH**SIGHT Trajectory

HighSight sees potential in our scholars that others might overlook...

## HIGH SIGHT SCHOLARS PROGRAM A Journey to Success

Within a decade, HighSight scholars have the tools and opportunities to grow wealth for themselves and their families.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Thoughtful Selection

- Most scholars were testing below the 65<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests
- HighSight focuses on those needing more support to succeed

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### Improved Performance

- 90% of scholars consistently achieve the honor roll and a cumulative 3.6 GPA
- Their peers at the same schools average a 3.0 GPA

*Only 4% of U.S. high school students earn a 3.5 to 4.0 GPA*

### COLLEGE

#### Better Schools

- 100% of scholars earn full-tuition awards; 85% attend the top fifth of U.S. colleges
- 10% to 40% of their high school peers attend the same high level of colleges

*Only 1.5% of American high school students receive a full-tuition scholarship*

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

#### Higher Success

- More than 75% of HighSight scholars graduate in four years and nearly 90% within six years
- These rates are 5x to 7x higher than their socioeconomic peers

*HighSight alumni graduate with one-third or less of the average loan debt of other low-income Illinois students*

### HIGH SIGHT CONNECTIONS

- > College internships
- > Post-graduation career counseling
- > Corporate diversity & inclusion pipelines

## HIGH SIGHT PROJECT COLLEGE Better Access to High-Quality Colleges

Project College provides high school seniors critical guidance on college visits, applications, interviews, and securing financial aid. Best of all, 100% of Project College students also receive full-tuition scholarships from great colleges across the country.



“Beyond the academic support, the life lessons from HighSight were even more invaluable. My HighSight mentors helped build behaviors that I still use each day – discipline, accountability, authenticity, humility. As a result, I’ve had the amazing opportunity to work for Fortune 500 companies across the country.”

#### Genesis Tirado

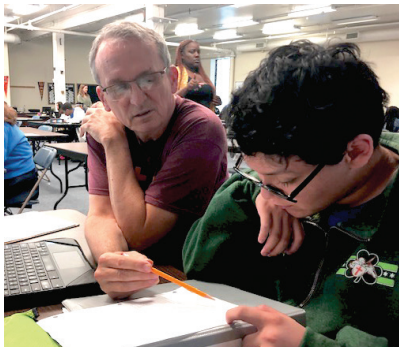
Senior HR Manager – Office of the President, United Airlines  
Gordon Tech High School '08  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, BS '13 & MS '15

## At HighSight, it's not about bells and whistles, it's about nuts and bolts...

HighSight's formula for our scholars is straightforward – work hard and make good things happen for yourself. It also has these key elements:

- **Partial scholarships** to supplement family contributions and awards from private Chicago high schools.
- **Intensive tutoring** twice a week.
- **Leadership coaching**, personal development workshops, and involvement in extracurricular activities.
- **Effective college counseling** and financial aid sessions for students and families.
- **Summer academic skill-building** and high-school transition programs.
- **Professional internship opportunities** for our high school and college students.
- **Independent learning experiences** through international travel, top-tier colleges, and elite boarding schools.
- **College-to-career transitions** through pro bono professional employment counseling.

...helping scholars alter their trajectory for themselves and for their families.



“Tutoring HighSight scholars is fun and rewarding. In spite of disadvantages, these students are motivated, hard-working, personable and grateful for the assistance received.”

**Gordon Hazen**

HighSight Tutor

Emeritus Professor, Northwestern University

These are some institutions which HighSight scholars regularly attend:



# HIGH SIGHT

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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 selective colleges across the country.

[highsight.org](https://highsight.org)      YouTube

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**Doug & Rachel Hoogstra**

Darwill, Inc.

Longtime HighSight donors and volunteers

“The best way to transform our communities is to educate our youth... and no one is doing that better than HighSight.”

“We support HighSight because it works! 100% of their scholars graduate. 100% go to college and graduate nearly debt-free. We can’t think of a better organization to support, as the return on our investment is exponential.”

“These scholars have life-changing experiences through HighSight that allow them and their families to thrive throughout their lives.”



Every \$1 donated to HighSight  
**results in \$15 in scholarships**  
from great colleges and universities.