



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.

FALL 2012

WELCOME CLASS OF 2016!

HighSight welcomed our class of 2016 with an intense, five-week academic program that emphasized reading, writing, math, character development and study skills. The program culminated with Freshman Week at La Lumiere School in LaPorte, Indiana, where students worked on team-building and leadership development.

280 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

48 STUDENTS & FAMILIES INTERVIEWED

27 NEW HIGHSIGHT SCHOLARS



Bobbie Barnes
Providence St. Mel School



Rogelio Becerra
De La Salle Institute



Gabriel Bruceles
De La Salle Institute



Nestor Carbajal
De La Salle Institute



Marina Carbajal
Holy Trinity High School



Gustavo Castañeda
Gordon Tech High School



Telia Cobb
Gordon Tech High School



Angelica Contreras
De La Salle Institute



Anamile Garcia
Mother McAuley High School



Sarah Hererra
De La Salle Institute



Marilyne Hubbard
St. Benedict High School



Jeremiah Jones
Providence St. Mel School



Cristian Juarez
St. Patrick High School



Marissa Lizzio
Mother McAuley High School



Karina Luna
De La Salle Institute



Brittany Oduro
De La Salle Institute



Corina Perez
De La Salle Institute



Karla Poblano
Gordon Tech High School



Edwin Rocha
Gordon Tech High School



Viridiana Serrato
Mother McAuley High School



Jada Shelby
St. Benedict High School



Saurang Singh
Gordon Tech High School



Jose Valero
De La Salle Institute



Miguel Verdin
Mt. Carmel High School



Marquis Williams
Providence St. Mel School



Charles Wilson
Fenwick High School



Bennett Yoc
St. Patrick High School

INDEPENDENT SUMMER PROGRAMS

Through the generosity of our donors and enrichment program partners, our Class of 2013 spent their summers at boarding schools, Ivy League universities and traveling internationally. The students described their experiences as epic, magical, enlightening and amazing.



Top: Jocelyn Tamayo, senior at St. Benedict High School, in Paris.



Left: Ja'lon Eason, senior at Brother Rice High School, in Peru.

Bottom: Selena Hernandez, senior at De La Salle Institute, in Paraguay.



MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

» LAKULISH PATEL *Back to Basics*



< Lakulish Patel with juniors, Evelin Duran, Odett Guzman and Demetrius Brown, during The Leadership Program.

Lakulish Patel moved to the U.S from India when he was 18 to pursue higher education. After college, Lakulish began his career in consulting. Lakulish currently works in Software automation and QA at KCura, a company responsible for the leading e-Discovery software for law firms. He has been consulting in the Chicago area for seven years and has worked at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

After finding a career he enjoyed, Lakulish was looking for ways to give back to the community when a friend introduced him to the 20/30 Club of Chicago, a volunteer organization that worked with local charities. He was then introduced to HighSight and has been mentoring for two years. Lakulish explains, "Tutoring here at HighSight has given me some of my best memories in the last two years." Lakulish works with our scholars in a way that energizes and motivates them.

After his first year, Lakulish became more and more dedicated to the scholars and to HighSight's mission. Not only does Lakulish tutor the students, but he also facilitated a relationship between KCura and HighSight. Because of Lakulish's introductions, HighSight is thrilled to begin an exciting, new partnership with KCura.

HighSight is excited to introduce KCura as a new donor. Thanks to Lakulish Patel, KCura provided a generous \$2,500 grant.

Overall, Lakulish said, "Working with the scholars is one of the most rewarding experiences that I have ever had. I enjoy being able to lay the foundations for the future success of the scholars. It is very exciting to see them grow as a class, as students, and as individuals and see them achieve the high goals that they initially think are not achievable. That is what makes me want to come back and keep tutoring."

» HIGHTSIGHT CALENDAR OF EVENTS Visit highsight.org to purchase tickets or call 312.787.9824



Thursday, November 8, 2012 Fall Fling

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Rock Bottom Brewery

1 West Grand Avenue

Tickets: \$40 for 1 / \$70 for 2



Wednesday, May 8, 2013 Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Symphony Center

67 East Adams Street

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



Wednesday, June 5, 2013 Midsummer Eve of the Eve

5:30pm - 9:30pm

The Plaza at Park Grill

11 North Michigan Avenue

CHRIS RAZO '13

DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE, CLASS OF 2013

Greetings from Argentina



This summer I traveled to Argentina through the Putney Student Travel. I completed 60 hours of community service in a village named Valle Grande, Jujuy, located in the middle of the northern mountains of Argentina.

The most amazing part of my trip was being able to reach the hearts of many people. The local people enjoyed playing soccer, dancing, and playing flute and guitar. Every night we would gather and bond and I would introduce them to American music and dancing; they loved it. I also showed off my beat boxing skills and every time the group traveled somewhere the kids would stop me and ask me to beat box while they rapped in Spanish. The moments were simple but amazing.

I know I will forever cherish the people of Argentina. I even returned home feeling more Argentine pride than Mexican pride. With the Putney group, I have made great life time friends. We bonded through completing community service, wild water rafting, zip-lining hundreds of feet in the air, and completing a four day hike, one consisting of an eight hour journey from one town to another.

I feel as if my experience has taught me that there are a lot of things to look forward to in life and that hope is never absent regardless of status and position. My experience motivated me to realize that I am capable of doing great things for others.

» HIGHLIGHT RESULTS

- For the 13th year in a row, 100% of our graduated seniors were accepted into college
- The 24 alums in our 2012 graduated class were awarded nearly \$3,000,000 in scholarships and grants for their collective four years of college, an average of more than \$120,000 per student
- HighSight Scholars, during the academic year of 2011-2012, maintained an average GPA of 3.52
- More than 80% of HighSight Scholars were on the honor roll in 2011-2012



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT UPDATES

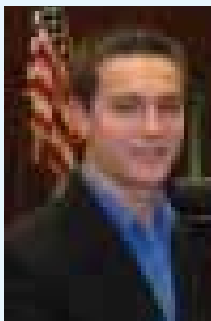
Michael Coates '08



- > De La Salle Institute, Class of 2008
- > Monmouth College, Class of 2012

Michael Coates, a graduate of both De La Salle Institute and now Monmouth College, recently began to pursue a MA in Communications at Western Illinois University. With his bachelors also in Communications, Mike is enjoying furthering his education. His focus will be on interpersonal and organizational communication. In addition to his work in the classroom, Mike has a full time job at NTN Bower.

Andre Birkus '10



- > Gordon Tech High School, Class of 2010
- > Trinity College, Class of 2014

Andre Birkus graduated from Gordon Tech High School and is now a Posse Scholar double majoring in Economics and Computer Science at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Andre plans to spend his junior year abroad studying one semester in London and one semester in Paris. Andre takes advantage of club sports and works with the admissions office to help freshmen adapt comfortably to campus.

Samantha Sosa '07



- > Maria High School, Class of 2007
- > DePauw University, Class of 2011

Samantha Sosa recently received her bachelor's degree from DePauw University with a double major in Communications and Spanish. She began her Public Relations career at Edelman in the Multicultural Consumer practice and later merged into the Digital Practice where she is now a Digital Analyst. Her favorite aspect about her job is that she's become a sort of social media guru and has had the opportunity to work for brands such as Olive Garden, Hilton Worldwide, Disney, Quaker, MGM, and Butterball. Outside of work, she volunteers for the Posse Foundation and she, along with a close friend and HighSight alum, are working on establishing the HighSight Young Professionals. If you are an alum and are interested in learning more about HighSight Young Professionals please email her at samantha.sosa.a@gmail.com.

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EVE OF THE EVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2012
8:00pm – 1:00am
Chicago Union Station
500 West Jackson Boulevard

One great cause. One big party. One amazing venue.

The **EVE of the EVE** takes place the night before New Year's Eve and all proceeds benefit HighSight's scholarship program. This black-tie optional event offers more than 2,000 young, hip, urban professionals the opportunity to mix and mingle while jump-starting their New Year's celebrations. The party takes over the entire Great Hall of Union Station, where guests enjoy cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a live band and dancing. This much-anticipated event is truly one of Chicagoland's hippest extravaganzas and the premiere holiday choice for partygoers year after year.

Open Bar | Hors d'oeuvres | Silent Auction | Cash Raffle | Live Music by South of 80 | Dancing

Tickets: \$125 in advance / \$140 day of

Tickets are available at highsight.org for this charity scholarship event.

