

# HIGH SIGHT

A BETTER EDUCATION.  
THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

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.

**NEWS**  
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## A BETTER EDUCATION. THEY MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

**HighSight's** mission goes beyond awarding scholarships. HighSight challenges its scholars academically and socially to meet the demands of high school and to prepare them to succeed in college and in life. HighSight scholars show a desire to get an excellent high school education, are committed to their future, are willing to work hard, graduate from a very selective college, and give back to their community.

HighSight is proud to feature our most recent high school and college graduates. We are excited for all of them and know they will embrace the opportunities that lie ahead of them.

**76%**

of HighSight scholars  
graduate from four-year  
colleges and universities  
in four years

### SPARKLE WHITAKER

Mother McAuley High School '18  
Washington University in St. Louis '22



I am especially grateful for the HighSight tutoring sessions and my mentors. For example, I don't know if I'd be receiving nearly \$250,000 in scholarships to attend Washington University if it wasn't for the diligent help I received from my mentor.

At Wash U, I look forward to continuing writing in hopes of

one day writing a successful novel or becoming a journalist. I'm incredibly thankful to have had HighSight guide me and my family along my academic journey.

### JZA'PHRI JACKSON

Providence St. Mel School '18  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign '22



At Providence St. Mel School, I feel like I took advantage of my opportunities. I was a member of the flag-football team, baseball team, and in the jazz band. I also valued the numerous resources available to me through HighSight including mentors, after school study sessions, and leadership programs. I believe that combined

with my family, both Providence St. Mel and HighSight developed me into the man I am today. I look forward building a long-lasting career through the resources available to me in college.

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## STEVE ROCHA

De Paul College Prep '18  
St. Olaf College '22

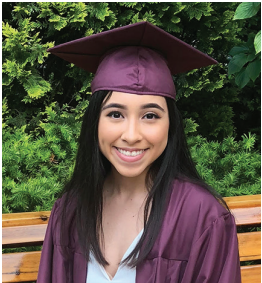


High school was a great experience and I had an endless amount of opportunities to grow. I joined a variety of extracurricular activities such as soccer, bowling, volleyball, National Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society. I took advantage of the tutoring sessions HighSight offered because they helped me excel in classes, and

helped me balance my time. HighSight also pushed me out of my comfort zone and turned me into a leader. During my next four years at St. Olaf, I look forward to meeting new people and experiencing the college life.

## JULIANA JUAREZ

St. Ignatius College Preparatory '18  
De Pauw University '22



I am especially grateful to HighSight for providing me with opportunities to academically excel through their mentoring program and for giving me an extra push to help me realize my full potential while guiding me to build a strong foundation for my future. The college counseling I received at HighSight was amazing.

## SILVIA LEPE

Holy Trinity High School '18  
Hope College '22



I took advantage of the business programs at Holy Trinity. I was proud of my internship with Ryan Specialty Group where I learned about business and finance. I am grateful to HighSight because of the support they offered during the confusing college process. Without their advocacy and guidance, I would have not

received all the financial aid I did at Hope College. I look forward to finding new passions and friendships in college, and starting a new journey that will lead me to success.

## LAVELLE BROWN

Holy Trinity High School '18  
St. Edward's College '22



To succeed, I know I had to first learn to fail, and that is one of the most valuable lessons my experience at Holy Trinity has taught me. HighSight's dedicated staff kept me working, made sure my applications were up-to-date and perfect, edited my college essays so they were crisp, and kept hopes high. Without

HighSight, my senior year would've been dreadfully less hopeful. I probably never would've applied for a few amazing colleges without the help and love of HighSight.

## LIZBETH GONZALEZ

Mother McAuley High School '14  
Furman University '18



Looking back at my college experience at Furman University, I can honestly say I completed a wonderful challenge. Furman challenged me in many ways but I'm grateful my experience was filled with growth, support, and memories. Having my family present and seeing me walk across the stage and receiving

my diploma was my most rewarding college experience. Without HighSight, I would have never landed in Greenville, SC. I'm grateful. Incredibly grateful.

## DARYL BROWN

De La Salle Institute '14  
Connecticut College '18



Without HighSight, I may have never found Connecticut College. My college experience was pivotal in structuring the rest of my life and its overall trajectory. It was at Connecticut College where I took the chance and decided to study film and it was the smartest thing I could have done. Since then, I've made various films,

travelled to multiple countries and am now pursuing my masters in Documentary Filmmaking at Chapman University. The narrative films I worked on engaged with positive and more nuanced representation of people of color. The documentaries center around social justice and the flaws of higher academic institutions with regards to student of color.

## EVELIN DURAN

St. Ignatius College Preparatory '14  
Pomona College '18



As a Posse scholar, psychology major and on the pre-med track at Pomona College, I had four years of beautiful, sunny California weather. I was sponsored throughout all of my four years by the Pomona College Internship Program to work with programs such as Health Bridges and partner with the nearby Pomona

Valley Hospital allowing me to explore my interest in the medical field. I was a founding member of the Salsa club on campus and even performed with the Claremont Colleges Ballroom Dance Company where I danced, for the first time ever, rumba, jive and samba. My junior year, I studied abroad in Santiago, Chile for 6 months at one of the best universities, joined a salsa dance academy and later stayed for 2 extra months to continue interning with a health organization. When I was not taking pre-med courses, I was learning a third language, Portuguese, learning how to play a second instrument, Jarana, or exploring in Los Angeles with friends. My four years at Pomona went by a little too fast, but I am glad to say that I depart with many wonderful experiences and many new friendships from around the world and am ready to take on the next chapter of my life: medical school.

## RASHAAN CASTILLO

St. Ignatius College Preparatory '14  
Denison University '18

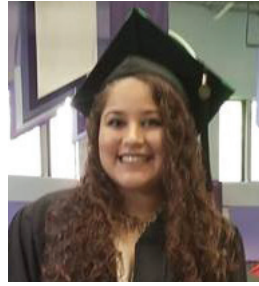


My college experience has really helped shape me into the young man that I am today. Not only did I become a better student in terms of academia, but I also learned how to become a better, well-rounded individual. Although academics are very important, I learned that being a college student is about a lot more. It's

about networking, taking risks, having fun, and stepping out of my comfort zone. I was able to experience all of this at a small liberal arts university in the middle of Ohio called Denison University. I was able to make lifelong friends and enjoy myself, while still learning and developing in school. I'm thankful HighSight gave me this opportunity.

## JENNIFER AGUAYO

De La Salle Institute '14  
Cornell College '18



It's seems ironic that my college experience was exhausting and laborious, yet simultaneously the most incredible and fulfilling experience of my life. I can't count how many times I asked myself "do you need sleep more than you need this A?." However, I also can't count how many times I thought to myself "Wow,

I can't believe I am actually here." I'm glad that my college experience was such a paradox because without all of the struggle, I would have never realized the extent of my own potential and determination. Nevertheless, the single best experience from college was the euphoria of beating the odds and graduating.

## AILETH AVILA

St. Ignatius College Preparatory '14  
St. Olaf College '18



I am extremely grateful to HighSight for having helped me find a great match for college. Their support throughout high school and beyond was key to my success in college. I graduated as a biology major from St. Olaf College. I enjoyed taking several classes outside of the natural sciences, particularly those where

I learned about Latin American culture and politics. I am lucky to have met many supportive friends, professors, and advisers that helped me navigate through college. Currently, I am planning on working for a year or two before attending medical school.

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

*How can you partner with HighSight?*

- Donate
- Attend HighSight events
- Become a tutor

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**HighSight Golf Outing**  
Friday, September 7  
Ravisloe Golf Club  
11:30 am Shotgun Start

**Eve of the Eve**  
Sunday, December 30, 2018  
Tickets on sale in October

Visit [highsight.org](http://highsight.org) to  
purchase tickets or call  
**312.787.9824** for more  
information.



## **HIGH SIGHT**

### **GOLF OUTING**

**Friday, September 7, 2018**

**Ravisloe Golf Club**  
18231 Park Avenue, Homewood, Illinois  
**11:30 AM Shotgun Start**  
**\$150**

