

HIGHSIGHT

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.

SUMMER 2012

Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner



Back row left to right: Tianne Bataille, Patty Hart, Jeanne Doran, Jesica Paulson, Lisa Boden, Annette Cafferkey, Moira Tuffy. Front row left to right: Mariana Sosa '12 with her parents Leonel and Maricela.

May 9th was this year's 3rd Annual Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner, held at the Symphony Center, where we celebrated all our amazing seniors.

Our very generous and incredibly supportive donors came out in full stride, many of them hosting tables and inviting friends and family to learn about HighSight and what we have achieved. This year's honorees were Steven and Jennifer Salopek – longtime supporters and friends of the organization who shared their story and how much HighSight means to them. They very generously offered a matching gift of up to \$10,000 to new supporters of the organization. Later, that wonderful offer was matched again by Richard Schuessler of the Walter & Lois Schuessler Scholarship Foundation who raised the bar to \$20,000.

Also in attendance were many of our fantastic mentors who give so much of their time each week to assist the scholars with their homework and talk with them about life in general. Lastly, there were many friends of HighSight and HighSight scholars' parents who were there to celebrate our seniors' hard work and hear their stories.





Monique Bontemps, a graduate of Trinity High School, will be attending DePauw University, in Greencastle, Indiana. Monique, who hopes to continue to study art, will be receiving nearly \$150,000 in

scholarships and grants throughout her college career.



Luis Covarrubias, a graduate of Gordon Tech High School, is headed to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Luis maintained high honor roll status throughout his four

years of high school while earning cross-country awards. Luis will be a member of the Fighting Illini fully funded in the fall.



Angel Dieguez, a graduate of Mount Carmel High School, will be attending Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Angel, both an honor roll student and the captain of

his soccer team for three years, will be attending Furman fully-funded and is receiving nearly \$200,000 over the next four years in scholarships and grants.



Yamari Gonzalez, a graduate of De La Salle Institute, will be heading to Augustana College, in Rock Island, Illinois with over \$130,000 in scholarships and grants. As a graduate with

honors, Yamari plans on studying Audiology.



Victor Hardges, a graduate of Gordon Tech High School, will be pursuing his love of theater at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. Victor, who will be attending

fully-funded, will be receiving close to \$165,000 in scholarship and grant money over his college career.



Dyamone Hopkins, a graduate of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School and HighSight's resident thespian, will be attending Denison University, in Granville, Ohio, with over

\$180,000 in scholarships and grants.



Ryan Liedke, a graduate of St. Patrick High School, will carry his love of literature and theater to Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Ryan, who is fully-funded, will be receiving a scholarships and grants

nearly \$180,000 in scholarships and grants.



Valencia Short, a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, will be receiving over \$130,000 in scholarships and grants to attend Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. Valencia,

known at HighSight for her love of dance and travel, hopes to study theater at Knox.



Jocelyn Uribe, a graduate of Maria High School, will be heading off to St. Olaf College, in Northfield, Minnesota in the fall. Jocelyn, who will be receiving over \$180,000 in

scholarships and grants, will be perusing her love of dance and the arts.

Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner continued

And that was the by far the high point of the night: hearing from our amazing seniors who graduated this year. They were so poised, confident and articulate. They told stories of how much HighSight means to them and how this experience has forever changed them. They have learned how to "go another mile", break out of their comfort zones and push themselves to places they never dreamed. They worked hard, many traveled abroad and they told heartfelt stories of the friends and relationships they made at HighSight. They were so appreciative and kind with their comments and thanks to all the people that helped get them to where they are now.

At the conclusion of evening, Vanessa Alvarez, one of our HighSight alums from the Class of 2005, gave a speech that really inspired our seniors and everyone else. She told us all to follow our dreams and really "be there" to enjoy the moments in our lives when we can appreciate all we have and all we have accomplished. Thanks to everyone who made it an extraordinarily successful evening.

FATHER SEBASTIAN LEWIS, OSB SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTS INSIGHT STUDENTS IN HIGHSIGHT



Left to right: Sr. Stephanie Schmidts, Art Hofstetter, Patty Hart, Dorothy Hofstetter

Beginning in 1960, Father Sebastian Lewis, a Benedictine, ministered in the Near North neighborhood for forty-one years and was determined to help children in a difficult environment with their education. He believed education was "the way out of this situation" and launched the Insight Middle School Program at St. Joseph School some twenty-four years ago. He worked tirelessly for to provide scholarships for hundreds of students. After his death in 2006, a scholarship fund was named in his honor to continue this magnificent work.

This past school year, 25 Insight alums were HighSight scholars and now eight new Insight graduates will receive a combination HighSight/Father Sebastian Scholarship this coming school year.

The goal for the Father Sebastian Lewis, OSB Scholarship Fund for 2012-13 is \$30,000. We ask for your financial support for a better educational opportunity for those who need it the most. Please consider providing a generous gift so these students can succeed. Education today is priceless and truly a gift beyond measure. Please contact Sister Stephanie Schmidts at (312) 787-9824 ext. 225



COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES:

Augustana College Benedictine College Denison University (2) DePauw University Furman University (3) Gustavus Adolphus College Knox College (3) Lake Forest College

Monmouth College (2) North Park University St. Olaf College (2) Susquehanna University (2) Syracuse University University of Illinois at Chicago University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)

\$400,000

\$3,000,000

In total, HighSight spent more than \$400,000 in high school scholarships for the Class of 2012. With our formula, these scholars turned their high school scholarships into more than 7 times that (\$3,000,000) for their college scholarships – an astounding return on the investment. **100%** of our **24** seniors were accepted to 4-year colleges and universities and, in total, they received **150** acceptances to **40** schools.



Cecilia Marchan'07



Notre Dame High School for Girls, Class of 2007
 Hiram College, Class of 2011

Cecilia graduated from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science in May of 2011. At Hiram, Cecilia was a Resident Assistant for three years, highly recognized by the Office of Residential Education and Dean for her service

as a community leader and level of involvement on campus through various activities. Cecilia currently works as the Coordinator for Global Initiatives at DePaul University's Loop Campus working with the local and global academic community. She continues to have ties with the Pilsen community and represents DePaul University in Pilsen Neighbors Community Council's University Round Table. Cecilia has plans of pursuing her graduate studies at DePaul's School of Law and Master's in International Studies.

Cameron King '08



> Francis W. Parker High School, Class of 2008
> Knox College, Class of 2012

A graduate of Francis W. Parker High School and now a graduate of Knox College, Cameron King is an amazing young man. He majored in Political Science and has a minor in Photography. "The political science curriculum was rigorous but it has opened my

eyes to a wealth of information about the United States government and governments around the world". Cameron further explains that he used his major in photography to be well-rounded and explore his love for the arts.

Aside from his academic pursuits and successes, Cameron ran on the track team, joined Phi Gamma Delta and served on the executive board of Allied Blacks for Liberty and Equality. He describes Knox as, "an atmosphere that allows you to have a close relationship with all of your teachers, and attend classes that are small enough for you to be an active contributor in class discussions". For the atmosphere, and for his experience at Knox, Cameron is grateful.

Cameron is currently searching for internships. He plans on taking the LSAT in the fall. He will then apply to law schools in the fall of 2013.

Liliana Jimenez 'II



Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, Class of 2011
 Bates College, Class of 2015

Liliana Jimenez, a graduate of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, had a successful first year at Bates College in Lewistown, Maine. Liliana has decided to major in Politics, specifically international policy. She describes her first year as, "eye-opening,

and challenging". Lily goes on to explain that living so far away from home taught her responsibility and independence.

At Bates, Liliana decided to take advantage of all of her opportunities, maintaining what she describes as a "chaotic" schedule. She participated in Latinos Unidos, Outfront Club and International Club. She has had her first experience skiing, canoeing and surfing. Liliana is both excited to have a slower summer break but is also looks forward to returning to Bates for some new adventure in the fall.

CLASS OF 2013 INDEPENDENT SUMMER PROGRAMS:

These include discovery, enrichment and adventure on college campuses, boarding schools, and in the great outdoors throughout the United States, and international travel to nations around the world.

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Student / Program / Destination

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Diana Arroyo, Cushing Academy Massachusetts
Jessica Babel, Cushing Academy Massachusetts
Alejandro Contreras, The Experiment in International Living Belize
Mercedez Durosier, Exeter Academy New Hampshire
Ja'lon Eason, Putney Student Travel Peru
Adriana Fuentes, AFS Intercultural Programs Paraguay
Jason Grijalva, The Experiment in International Living France
Selena Hernandez, AFS Intercultural Progams Paraguay
Erika Jimenez, Putney Student Travel Vietnam
Margaret Klich, AFS Intercultural Programs Thailand
Mitchell Klich, Exeter Academy New Hampshire
Miguel Negrete, AFS Intercultural Programs Paraguay
Christopher Razo, Putney Student Travel Argentina
Winston Richards, Cushing Academy Massachusetts
Ashaunti Roby, AFS Intercultural Programs Costa Rica
Elisha Swayze, Brown University Rhode Island
Jacober Tenners, The Freedowski in International - Divisor Freedow

Jocelyn Tamayo, The Experiment in International ... Living France

HighSight is pleased to be the connection to fun and unique experiences for you. We appreciate your support of our cause and we are happy to provide a variety of fun options for you to enjoy; and the added benefit is that while you are having a good time,



your purchases also go to our great cause.

HighSight has become a member of tix4cause.com.

Tix4cause.com is an e-marketplace service that turns unused tickets, experiences and events into cash donations for HighSight. This partnership provides a unique opportunity for us to raise funds. It also is a FUN way for you to support our cause.

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS:

> Tickets for sports, entertainment, music and experiences for golf, lodging, dining, spas, any activity, etc., are posted on the tix4cause site by people or businesses for a 100% tax deductible donation to HighSight

> Posted experiences receive national exposure and recognition

> People seeking entertainment experiences go on line knowing their purchase is for a good cause

> 90% of ticket/event proceeds goes to HighSight

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>> HIGHSIGHT CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Thursday, November 8, 2012 Fall Fling

6:00pm – 9:00pm Rock Bottom Brewery 1 West Grand Avenue Tickets: \$40 for 1 / \$70 for 2



Sunday, December 30, 2012 Eve of the Eve 8:00pm – 1:00am

Chicago Union Station 500 West Jackson Boulevard Tickets: \$125



Wednesday, May 8, 2013 Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner

5:30pm – 8:30pm Symphony Center 67 East Adams Street Tickets: \$100 Tables: \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500

Visit **highsight.org** to purchase tickets or call **312.787.9824** for more information! Follow HighSight on Facebook at **facebook.com/HighSightChicago**