# **HIGHSIGHT**

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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.

# Class of 2009

#### **VONZELL COLEMAN**

Vonzell Coleman graduated from De La Salle Institute with a 3.98 cumulative grade point average. Both a Questbridge and a Posse finalist, he is attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison on a full-tuition scholarship. Vonzell, a young man who constantly challenges his intellect, spent six weeks before his senior year at De La Salle Institute volunteering in Tanzania.

#### **NICK GUZMAN**

Nick Guzman is attending Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut with a QuestBridge scholarship that will total more than \$220,000 over the next four years. Nick is one of the 260 scholarship recipients, out of 4,889 applicants across the country, who received this prestigious award. He graduated from De La Salle Institute with a 4.8/4.0 cumulative grade point average and as the captain of his soccer team. Nick's brother Adrian also graduated as a HighSight scholar from De La Salle Institute.

#### **ASTRID HERNANDEZ**

Astrid Hernandez, an avid journalist and writer, is attending Hiram College in Ohio and is receiving more than \$120,000 in scholarships and grants over the next four years. She is a graduate of Notre Dame for Girls and spent a summer in Senegal volunteering at a Senegalese pre-school. Her experience introduced her to leadership qualities she never thought she had which she now energetically brings to Hiram College.

#### KARINA MENDEZ

Karina Mendez graduate fourth in her class at Holy Trinity High School. She is a recipient of the full-tuition Posse scholarship to attend Pomona College in Claremont, California. Karina is also a recipient of a Scholarship Chicago award and will take advantage of more than \$200,000 in scholarships over her next four years at Pomona College - ranked 6th best liberal arts college by U.S. News & World Report. Karina follows in the footsteps of her cousin, Jennifer Beltran, who also graduated as a HighSight scholar from Holy Trinity High School and is a second year Posse scholar at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.



>> HIGHSIGHT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday, October 24, 2009 Taste of HighSight

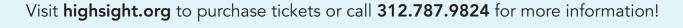
12:00pm - 2:30pm Cornerstone Center 1111 North Wells Street Tickets: \$5

## Thursday, November 12, 2009 **Insight Fall Fling**

6:00pm - 9:00pm Rock Bottom Brewery 1 West Grand Avenue Tickets: \$40

#### Wednesday, December 30, 2009 **Eve of the Eve**

8:00pm - 1:00am **Union Station** 210 South Canal Street Tickets: \$125 to \$160





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#### **BRITTNEY MILES**

Brittney Miles is attending Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio as a Newman's Own Foundation Scholar - a gift from the late Paul Newman designated to assist first-generation, underrepresented students. Brittney is a graduate of St. Scholastica Academy and grew up in Chicago's Near North Side neighborhood with her mom and younger sister. Brittney has been a part of the HighSight community since early elementary school, has participated in many theater productions and was always dedicated to her track team as a captain. She will receive close to \$200,000 in scholarships from Kenyon College.

#### **DAVID SCOTT**

David Scott graduated eighth in his class at Gordon Tech High School. He is receiving more than \$160,000 in scholarships and grants before he graduates from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. During the summer between his junior and senior year at Gordon Tech, David taught English to children in Thailand. His experiences in Thailand taught him to appreciate and seek adventure. Given that, David is exploring, using and enjoying all of the resources available at DePauw.



**BRITTNEY MILES** 



DAVID SCOTT

\$400,000

**\$3,300,000** 

In total, HighSight spent more than \$400,000 in high school scholarships for the Class of 2009. With our formula, these scholars turned their high school scholarships into more than eight times that (\$3,300,000) for their college scholarships—an astounding return on the investment.



- > For the tenth year in a row, 100% of our graduated seniors were accepted into college
- > 93% of our 2009 graduated seniors are currently attending four-year colleges and universities
- > The 29 alums in our 2009 graduated class were awarded over \$3,300,000 in scholarships and grants for their collective four years of college, an average of more than \$100,000 per student
- > 45% of our 2009 graduated seniors are paying less than \$2,000 out-ofpocket for their first year at college with no loan packages
- > In the past 5 years, 11 HighSight scholars have been awarded **full-tuition**Posse Foundation scholarships
- HighSight Scholars maintain an average cumulative grade point of 3.20 on a 4.0 scale
- > More than 60% of all HighSight scholars make the honor roll each quarter



#### ■ HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:

HighSight provides partial scholarships for students to attend quality private high schools in Chicago.

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

HighSight scholars meet three times a week with adult volunteer mentors for academic support.

#### ■ COLLEGE PREPARATION:

As the goal of every HighSight scholar is to attend college, HighSight provides a number of activities to help them achieve that goal, such as ACT preparation, application workshops, and college fairs and visits. More than 95% of the HighSight graduates enroll in college.

#### ■ FRESHMAN SUMMER PROGRAM:

Incoming freshman scholars take part in an intense, five-week academic program that emphasizes reading, math, writing and study skills. The program culminates with Freshman Week, where students work on team-building and leadership development.

#### ■ WRITING PROGRAM:

This intensive summer experience is designed to assist students in improving their critical thinking, reading and writing skills. Scholars critically examine and articulate their views on short stories using different types of academic essays.

#### ■ SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:

During this 12-session program, scholars focus on building self-confidence, improving leadership skills and enhancing their communication skills. The course starts with a retreat examining "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens".

#### ■ 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.



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The Class of 2013 still needs your help!

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today to ensure this year's class will experience the same success as our Class of 2009.

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## CLASS OF 2009 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES:

Bradley University (2) Carleton College DePauw University (2) Eastern Illinois University Holy Cross College Hiram College Monmouth College (4) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champai University of Illinois at Chicago (3) Kenyon College (3) Knox College Lake Forest College Lewis University North Park University
Pace University in New York
Parkland College
Pomona College
Trinity College in Connecticut
University of Wisconsin-Madison

# **WELCOME MELINDA GREEN**



Please join us in welcoming Melinda Green, HighSight's new development coordinator. Melinda comes to us from one of our partnering high schools: Holy Trinity. Melinda spent eight years at Holy Trinity focusing on student recruitment and special events. She is passionate about supporting quality education in Chicago and giving students the opportunity to attend the high school of their choice. Melinda is thrilled to join the HighSight team and looks forward to helping our scholars. Please contact her at 312.787.9824 ext 228 if you are interested in corporate sponsorship or any of HighSight's upcoming fundraisers.