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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 four-year colleges across the country.

NEWS
FALL 2019

WELCOME CLASS OF 2023!



HighSight welcomed the class of 2023 with an intense summer program where they spent three weeks developing study skills, enriching their literary knowledge, decoding math mysteries, and building a bond that will be treasured for a lifetime. The summer ended with a bang as they made memories during HighSight's annual Freshman Week at La Lumiere School in La Porte, Indiana. We wish all of our freshmen the best of luck this year inside and outside of the classroom!

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Holy Trinity High School
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Mother McAuley High School
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Leo High School
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Trinity High School
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De La Salle Institute



INDEPENDENT SUMMER PROGRAMS

Through the generosity of our donors and enrichment program partners, our Class of 2020 spent their summers at boarding schools, universities and doing service, language and cultural immersion programs abroad. The students described their experiences as unforgettable, magical, eye-opening and amazing.



▲ **Liliana Matias:** Liliana and her program visit the Asakusa in Japan.



▲ **Jenny Rios:** Jenny Rios poses on a windy day in the Ait Benhaddou, an old village known for architecture, in Morocco.



▲ **Jalante Honeycutt:** Jalante performed community service in Tanzania, Africa.



▲ **Destiny Garcia:** Destiny plays with her "little brother" during her second home stay with the Masai tribe in Tanzania, Africa.



◀ **Andrea Arellano:** After trekking up the side of the mountain, Andrea reached the second refuge on the Chimborazo Mountain in Ecuador.



Jackie Munoz

> Mother McAuley High School '20

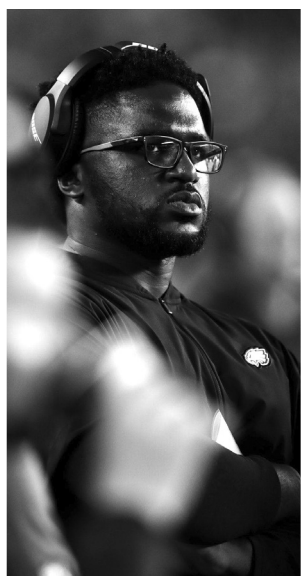
My experience in Japan will forever serve as a peace reminder, as I found peace in myself and others, and I vow to continue this development at home. Having the tranquility and security in myself will be reflected in my work and effort. At times, I felt nervous and uncomfortable with being spontaneous and adapting to the environment. I made a choice to accept that it was time for me to grow.

I developed a growth mindset and was exposed to different approaches, opinions, and perspectives. I would like to show others that taking risks to leave the bubble of Chicago can change a person's perspective on life. I want to continue studying Japanese and growing in the knowledge of the culture and language. I plan on studying Japanese in my free time and making it a priority to not lose all the knowledge I gained this summer.

Words cannot describe how open my mind is now. I see such light and possibility in my community. I have seen a small, yet amazing portion of what the world has to offer outside of Chicago. After returning, it is my duty to spread the idea of growth, and also that our comfort zones prevent growth. There is so much opportunity out in the world and so much culture, perspective and knowledge. I'm excited to continue to grow my cultural awareness in college.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

NATHAN OLLIE



- > Mount Carmel High School '10
- > Ball State '14
- > University of Tennessee '18

After graduating and playing football at Ball State, Nate went on to both coach and study as a graduate assistant at the University of Tennessee. His career started in 2014 when he began coaching 8th grade football at Yorktown Middle School in Indiana. That was followed by Nate earning the position as the Eastern Kentucky defensive line coach in 2018. After seeing success,

he was hired by the Philadelphia Eagles in 2019 as an assistant defensive line coach. Nate hopes to grow with the Eagles and to one day return back to Chicago where he can give back to his community. He hopes to use his platform as a coach to encourage youth to be the best they can be.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER!

DAVID MERCED

- > Archbishop Quigley High School '00
- > DePaul University '05, '08



As a HighSight alumni, David was able to attend Archbishop Quigley High School in the heart of Chicago and he was a member of different organizations during his tenure but his true passion was building lasting relationships.

David received his bachelors in Communications & Marketing and his masters in Business and Technology from DePaul University. David has worked in the IT industry since 2005 and began his career at CDW. He is now employed by RingCentral where he connects businesses together for their collaboration needs. He recently was asked to serve on HighSight's Board of Directors and has been tasked to build alumni support for HighSight. He has stated a number of times, "HighSight has given so much to me and my family. My brother Daniel (02'), sister Christina (03') and I are so lucky to have been part of the organization; it is time to give back. I want to ensure HighSight prevails to give young people the opportunity to succeed." David currently lives in Chicago with his wife Ashley (m. 2008), and three boys Jackson (5), Harrison (3) and Monroe (1).

WELCOME HIGHSIGHT'S NEW STAFF MEMBER!



ANTHONY BRYANT

- > De La Salle Institute '12
- > Monmouth College '18

HighSight alumnus, Anthony Bryant, was born and raised on the Southside of Chicago. He has studied abroad in Peru and the Czech Republic. His

studies have given him the ability to educate people on diversity and inclusion and cultural awareness. He is also a member of the Chicago NAACP branch where he has grown into an experienced and mature community leader. "People who live in Chicago deserve access to resources and opportunities that will prepare them to achieve their dreams." Anthony is excited to join the staff as a College Counselor and is one of three alumni on staff.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 / Chicago Union Station

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 takes over Chicago's iconic Union Station, where guests enjoy cocktails, heavy hor d'oeuvres, a live band, and dancing.

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