

# HIGH SIGHT

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## UPDATES ON COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS



Juniata College, a liberal arts college founded in Central Pennsylvania in 1876, has entered into an official agreement with HighSight to provide designated full-scholarship slots for qualifying graduating scholars.

"Juniata is delighted to officially unite with HighSight," said Jason Moran, vice president for enrollment management at Juniata College. "HighSight has done extraordinary work providing the students they serve with college-readiness support they need, academically and financially."

There are currently five HighSight scholars attending Juniata College, but under this agreement, there would be higher numbers of students matriculating from each graduating class.



Juniata College senior associate dean Steven Simons and vice president Jason Moran made the announcement with HighSight scholars and staff in October.

### POSSE SCHOLARS



Evelyn Puma (DePaul College Prep '20) is flanked by HighSight staffers and alumni Brittane Maddox (Trinity High School '10) and Jesus Gomez (Holy Trinity High School '08). All three received full-tuition Posse Scholarships to attend Denison University.



### DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

DePauw University has been a longtime partner of HighSight, and currently seven HighSight and Project College alumni attend the school. Four Class of 2020 students have committed to attend DePauw this fall - all on full-tuition scholarships - with seven others accepted and finalizing their school choices.



HighSight scholars Francisco & Luis Avila (Mount Carmel '20) and Project College student Joseph Thome (St. Patrick '20) are three of the students who will be attending DePauw in the fall.

### Hope COLLEGE

In February, Hope College met with HighSight scholars and parents in Chicago and provided an overnight trip to the campus for students. Juniata College will lead a similar visit in March, and other colleges, such as Augustana, Calvin, Hillsdale, and Knox, have hosted group visits in recent years.



HighSight scholars joined an overnight visit to the Hope College campus in Holland, Michigan.

# FRESHMAN FIRSTS



*“On campus, I work in Admissions and for the Hope Fund which directly supports student scholarships like the one I received. This winter, both offices created an initiative for fundraising, and I was featured in the campaign.*

*I got to tell my story and share ideas for incoming Hope students. I hope to inspire others that look like me and see my face on postcards all over the country.”*

## Marilyn Orellana

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts HS '19 / Hope College '23



*“I decided to write for **The DePauw** during a club event students hosted earlier in the school year. I had no previous experience in newspaper writing in high school, and I was nervous to take the*

*chance at first. Then during our first meeting, I felt as if I belonged in the newsroom and craved the experience. I was assigned my own column on music and culture and wrote six articles. By semester's end, I was given a promotion to Staff Writer for second semester! Looking at where I am now, I do not regret taking that leap of faith and learning more about my future craft.”*

## Layla Brown-Clark

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts HS '19 / DePauw University '23



*“I have become a part of various student groups on campus, one of those being Denison's Campus Governance Association. Running for class senator took days of campaigning, platform creation, and a lot*

*of hard work. Winning the election was a reminder of what students can be a part of, and I expect my presence will provide a voice for students of color on campus. Through this experience, I have found power in my voice, the importance of being diligent, and the endless opportunities that come from stepping out of your comfort zone.”*

## Nathalia Espinoza

St. Benedict High School '19 / Denison University '23



*“This past fall, I was responsible for planning Congé, an annual celebration at Josephinum Academy. For this day of community building, we decide to make gifts for the children at Saint Mary's Hospital. My hard work was acknowledged by Principal Schrantz, and I received an award*

*for “demonstrating an ongoing commitment to social awareness which impels to action.” This experience and award inspires me to continue to strive for greatness and to make people smile.”*

## Makayla McClarin

Josephinum Academy '23

*“**Newsies** was not only my first musical production, it was my favorite play ever! I loved working with the whole cast and stage crew and was given the role as an ‘individual newsie’ and the best part was that I really got to give my character their own personality. To top it off, I was able to get ABC 7 News to do a segment on our production! I am so thankful for this amazing opportunity.”*

## Olivia Verduzco

Trinity High School '23





Plan to join us on December 30 for EVE of the EVE 2020 at Union Station



# EVE of the EVE

This year's Eve of the EVE marked a successful return to the Great Hall at Union Station, a wonderful celebration that raised half of the amount we need to help send our students to quality Chicago private high schools and to provide the programs to get them to the best colleges possible.

**The other half comes from you:** our donors, champions, and friends. We ask that you continue to support us in 2020 to allow us to work with as many deserving young Chicagoans as possible. Please go to [highsite.org/help](https://highsite.org/help) to donate today.



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# HIGH SIGHT

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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.

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## SAVE THE DATE

# HIGH SIGHT *go another mile* ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER



The annual scholarship dinner celebrates the HighSight community—and honors our scholars as they graduate from high school and head to prestigious colleges and universities across the country.

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 30, 2020**

**5:30PM – 8:30PM**

**CHICAGO  
CULTURAL CENTER  
78 E. WASHINGTON STREET**

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to purchase tickets  
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For the past 8 years, 100% of HighSight scholars have earned full-tuition scholarships to attend prestigious four-year colleges and universities across the country.