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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021

ALL IN THE HIGHTSIGHT FAMILY

When selecting a HighSight scholar, we're looking for good kids from good families who are willing to work hard. So it's not uncommon to have several siblings from a family successfully complete the HighSight program.

This is certainly true of the Negrete Family from Chicago's Little Village neighborhood.

Miguel Negrete '14 and **Christopher Negrete '17** were both HighSight scholars who graduated from St. Laurence High School in Chicago, and both see HighSight as instrumental in guiding their success in college and beyond.

After graduating from Furman University, Miguel worked at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Cancer Center during his Master's program in Community Health Science. This fall he will begin his doctoral studies in Nutrition and Kinesiology at UIC, focusing on diabetes in underserved communities.



The Negrete Family at Miguel's graduation from Furman University in 2018. Nicholas Negrete '25 (front left) will be a new HighSight Scholar this year.

Miguel and Christopher Negrete celebrate receiving their master's and bachelor's degrees, respectively, in 2021.



Looking back on his HighSight experience, **Miguel** shared:

My passion for culture and health started when I was a HighSight Scholar, when I lived in Paraguay for a six-week summer immersion program HighSight arranged for me in partnership with the Farther Foundation. I learned deeply about a new Latinx culture and knew I wanted to continue learning more about these amazing resilient communities.

After college, I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ecuador, serving as an HIV prevention specialist leading a sex-education program for young adult soccer players, helping me further clarify what I wanted to do with my life.

During my time in college, it hit me that HighSight really is ahead of the game. They have a great formula for providing teenage scholars with the skills needed to succeed in life. More importantly, the team takes the time to really understand the scholars and our struggles living in underserved communities and the impact on our development. They listen, making us feel part of a family, but they are also firm about staying on top of our academic careers. HighSight truly knows how to create strong, successful leaders through this unique blend of experiences.

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HIGHTSIGHT'S CLASS OF 2021

With a 96% retention rate – the highest ever for HighSight – this class had only one scholar leave over the four years of the program. Congratulations to this fine group of persistent, committed graduates.



Bridget Adu-Dapaah
Mother McAuley Liberal Arts HS
Oberlin College



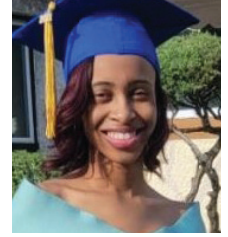
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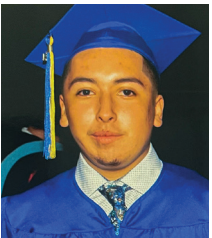
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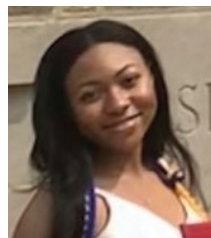
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Chicago Hope Academy
Illinois State University



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De La Salle Institute
Hope College



Pamela Gonzalez
De La Salle Institute
DePauw University



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University of San Diego



Mia Jacobs
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Trinity High School
Western Illinois University



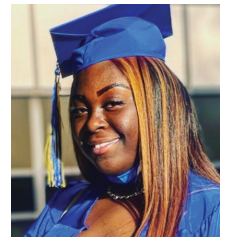
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De La Salle Institute
University of Illinois



Josue Raygoza
St. Patrick High School
DePauw University



Cesar Torres
De La Salle Institute
Beloit College



Makayla Turner
De La Salle Institute
Hope College



Kayla Vergara
Trinity High School
Hope College

Priscilla Badu
Josephinum Academy
University of Notre Dame

Manuel Cabrera
De La Salle Institute
Beloit College

Ivy Delgadillo
De La Salle Institute
Washington University in St. Louis

Jericho Garcia
St. Patrick High School
University of Illinois

Amarii McCray
De La Salle Institute
Gettysburg College

Anthony Rebolledo
St. Patrick High School
University of Illinois

Adriana Reyes
Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School
Augustana College

David Rodriguez
St. Laurence High School
Illinois State University

For more than a decade **100%** of HighSight Scholars have earned a full-tuition college scholarship.

HEADING TO COLLEGE

In addition to the 24 HighSight Scholar graduates from the Class of 2021, staff and volunteers guided 62 additional high school seniors and their families through the college application process this year through our Project College initiative.

Schools that these 86 graduates will be attending this fall include:

Albion College
Augustana College
Beloit College
Bradley University
Cornell University
DePauw University
Gettysburg College
Hope College
Howard University
Illinois College
Illinois State University
Kalamazoo College
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola University Chicago
Marquette University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Pomona College
Princeton University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
St. Mary's College Minnesota
St. Olaf College
St. Xavier University
Susquehanna University
Trinity College
Tufts University
University of Dayton
University of Illinois
University of Missouri
University of Notre Dame
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Xavier University of Louisiana

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Miguel's brother Christopher graduated from Denison University this spring, with significant accomplishments in the classroom and on the gridiron.

Christopher reflected on the impact of HighSight on his education and life:

Throughout high school I developed as a student and a person through the counseling and academic support HighSight provided. The skills I developed at HighSight opened up many opportunities for me, like attending a prestigious institution like Denison, where I developed an aspiring love for biology.



Christopher Negrete excelled on many levels at Denison University.

During high school, HighSight and the Farther Foundaton arranged for me to travel to Tanzania and be exposed to its wildlife and culture. As a result, a strong desire emerged to work with animals in conservation, especially large felines. Seeing those species roam in their natural habitat is an experience I still hold near to my heart and motivated me to pursue a career improving the overall health, environment, and well-being of all animals.

HighSight made these formative experiences possible and allowed me to be in the position I am today. I will always keep close contact with my HighSight family. The love and dedication they show students is truly a blessing. I am so proud to have been a HighSight Scholar.

This fall, **Nicholas Negrete '25** will follow his brothers' example, entering both St. Laurence High School and HighSight, bringing the same promise and possibilities with him. The Negretes are one of the many HighSight families who have helped multiple children thrive as HighSight Scholars.

Again in 2021, HighSight's graduating seniors were awarded more than

\$15 million
in full-tuition college scholarships and aid.

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 selective colleges across the country.

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GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 17

The Preserve at Oak Meadows
900 S. Wood Dale Road, Addison, IL

\$165 per person / 10:30 a.m. First Tee Time
Golf, cart, driving range, food & drink tickets

Tickets and information at highsight.org/golf
or 312.787.9824 x221

Hole sponsorships are available

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A HIGH SIGHT PARTY

Tuesday, October 5 / 6:00-9:00pm

Great Central Brewing Company
221 N Wood Street, Chicago

\$200 per person / \$300 per couple

- Open Bar *Local craft beers / Wine / Specialty vodka cocktails*
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres • Mini desserts

Tickets and information at highsight.org/toast

EVE *of the* EVE

Returning this year, Thursday, December 30