

HIGH SIGHT

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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.

WINTER 2013



Continue your New Year's Celebration!
Join us for our upcoming Happy Hour:



HIGH SIGHT

Thursday, February 21, 2013 | 5:30pm-8:30pm
Benchmark | 1510 North Wells Street
\$40 per person

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* Who we are:

Since 1992, HighSight has been working with low income Chicago youth who otherwise would not have access to a quality, private high school education. This year, more than 80 students are attending 16 private high schools with HighSight scholarships. Another 70 students participate in our middle school mentoring program. In total, the high school and middle school programs have nearly 100 volunteer mentors assisting the students

* What we do:

HighSight provides scholarships, academic mentoring, tutoring, leadership development, and college readiness programs for low-income high school students in the city of Chicago. HighSight programs allow motivated, yet underserved youth, the opportunity to attend the quality private high school of their choice. Ultimately, HighSight expects each scholar to attend a four year college or university.

* What we need:

This year, HighSight's operating budget is approximately \$800,000. Grant support and special events generate more than 80% of the funding. Given these numbers, HighSight relies on the generosity of individual donors to make up the remainder of our budget. This year we need to increase this number so that we can welcome more scholars into our HighSight community.

With your support, our scholars have been successful. A few notable items:

- > The overall GPA for HighSight scholars in 2011-2012 was an incredible 3.52 on a 4.0 scale
- > 100% of HighSight scholars are accepted into a four year college each year
- > Over the last four years, our scholars have been awarded nearly 12 million dollars in scholarships for college
- > Over the past four years, more than 90 of our 103 graduates are in good academic standing at quality four-year colleges

Each donation and every dollar counts. Your continued support is vital to the successes of our programs.



Please visit [highsight.org](https://www.highsight.org) to make a donation.

Eve of the Eve 2012



The 19th annual EVE of the EVE, held December 30, 2012 at Chicago's Union Station, was a tremendous success. This year's event netted \$175,000 for HighSight's Scholarship Program.

We are deeply grateful to all our guests, supporters and sponsors, whose generosity helps to provide the scholarships, tutoring, mentoring, leadership development and college readiness programs that enable our scholars to succeed at Chicago's private high schools.

To learn about sponsorship opportunities for EVE of the EVE 2013 or any of HighSight's upcoming fundraisers, please contact Patty Hart at 312.787.9824 ext. 228 or e-mail patty@highsight.org.

» To view more pictures from EVE of the EVE 2012, please visit highsight.org.

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

» NICK SANIT



Nick Sanit's experience with Insight helped open his eyes to the competitive nature of Chicago high schools. Nick said, "I wasn't aware of how difficult and important it is for students to get into the better charter and magnet high schools. Some of the students live in bad areas where their local high schools might be either dangerous or not equipped to prepare them for college, so the importance of getting into a good high school is magnified." HighSight and Insight mentors are vital in helping the elementary school students develop strong study habits and work on their grades, study for the high school entrance exam and apply for scholarships.

When explaining his reasons for volunteering with Insight, Nick said, "I've been fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend a good college that led me to a career. So, to help aspiring students that might not have the same opportunities that I was given is the least I can do. It's rewarding to see a student that works hard and gets into the high school of their choice, then eventually moves onto the college of their choice. It makes me feel proud to be part of an organization that helps students achieve their goals." Nick has been volunteering with the Insight Program for eight years.

INSIGHT FACTS

- > Insight students attend 29 different public and private Chicago elementary schools
- > 50% of the Insight 8th grade students received scholarships to private high schools
- > Over 25 Insight graduates are currently HighSight scholars



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT UPDATES

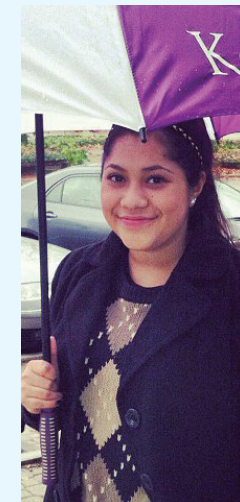
Vanessa Alvarez '05



- > Notre Dame High School for Girls, Class of 2005
- > University of Illinois at Chicago, Class of 2010

Vanessa Alvarez graduated from Notre Dame High School for Girls in 2005. She earned her B.A. at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2010 and majored in Secondary Education with a concentration in Spanish. Vanessa is a Spanish teacher at LaSalle II Magnet School and teaches K-8th grade. She is also an active HighSight mentor and was the guest alumnus speaker at the 2012 HighSight Graduation Dinner. Vanessa is currently working with other HighSight alumnae to establish the HighSight Young Professionals.

Sarai Martinez '10



- > De La Salle Institute, Class of 2011
- > Kenyon College, Class of 2015

A graduate of De La Salle Institute, Sarai Martinez is currently a sophomore at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. Sarai is majoring in Modern Languages and Literatures, focusing on Spanish and Italian. She is president of ADELANTE and a member of R.E.A.C.H., Archons Society, Sisterhood, and Project Open Voices. Sarai plans on studying abroad her junior year for a split-year in both Italy and Spain. She is also applying to The Philadelphia Center, one of the nation's oldest experiential education and off campus study programs, where students work 32 hours a week at an internship of their choice, enroll in two seminars, and live independently in Philadelphia.

Nate Ollie '11



- > Mt. Carmel High School, Class of 2010
- > Ball State, Class of 2014

Nate Ollie graduated from Mt. Carmel High School as a successful student athlete and headed to Ball State with a full-tuition football scholarship. Nate, who is majoring in Criminal Justice, plays football at Ball State and is a two time All-MAC player. Nate hopes his talents and accomplishments will take him to the NFL so he can become one of HighSight's donors.

» HIGHSIGHT CALENDAR OF EVENTS Visit highsight.org to purchase tickets or call 312.787.9824



Thursday, February 21, 2013
HighSight Happy Hour
 5:30pm – 8:30pm
 Benchmark
 1510 NorthWells Street
 \$40 per person



Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner
 5:30pm – 8:30pm
 Symphony Center
 67 East Adams Street



Wednesday, June 5, 2013
Midsummer Eve of the Eve
 5:30pm – 9:30pm
 The Plaza at Park Grill
 11 North Michigan Avenue