



HIGH SIGHT

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.

FALL 2010

One great cause. One big party. One amazing venue.



EVE OF THE EVE

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 offers more than 2,000 young, hip, urban professionals the opportunity to mix and mingle, while jump-starting their New Year's celebrations. The party takes over the entire Great Hall of Union Station, where guests enjoy cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a live band and dancing. This much-anticipated event is truly one of Chicagoland's hippest extravaganzas and the premiere holiday choice for partygoers year after year.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2010

8:00pm – 1:00am

UNION STATION

210 South Canal Street

Tickets: \$125 in advance / \$140 day of

Cocktails • Hors d'oeuvres • Silent Auction • Raffle

Music by South of 80 • Dancing

Garage parking is available. Black tie optional.

Tickets are available at highsight.org for this charity scholarship event.



GENEVA TRADING



blue plate

GLEACHER & COMPANY



LAKE EFFECT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.

ANGELICCA TELLES TRAVELED TO THAILAND WITH AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS

Greetings from Thailand



Angelicca is pictured second from the right, with her fellow AFS travelers

This summer I had the amazing opportunity to go to Thailand for seven weeks, do community service and live with a host family. It was the most remarkable experience of my life. The sounds, smells and colors overwhelmed my senses completely. More than anything, the people's generosity and hospitality made me feel at home. The first day I got to Lamphun, in Northern Thailand, I visited a farm. Rice is the main dish in Thailand and there were fields upon fields of it. The serenity that I felt standing among nature is hard to describe. I got to see a bamboo tree that does not come in a vase filled with water and that is actually on the ground. I was given a tour of a Thai college and was able to contrast the difference between their campus and an American college campus. In reality there is not much of a difference. Students were there to learn and enjoy themselves. Thailand has amazing fruit. In August, they celebrated a fruit called Longon and I was told I was to dress up. Imagine my surprise when I found out I was to be in a parade.

In Thailand, I was able to try new things and truly step out of my comfort zone. However, among everything new that I tried, I still felt a sense of being comfortable with it. There was something familiar about the whole experience. Perhaps it is because I was with people. No matter what side of the world we are on laughter and love still exist. Today, people in America ask me how people in Thailand are and I honestly can say they are like people in America. We all have worries about our families. We all get tired and enjoy a good laugh. We love. My realization of this will help me lead others in my community to come to this same conclusion and promote peace in the world through collaboration. I was re-energized to work hard in my senior year.

I truly hope more HighSight students take the risk of going outside the country and experience a new culture. It is a way to learn about others in the world and to learn about yourself and how people view the US. Get on that thirteen hour flight and own it. Because once you get off the plane the changes begin.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Claudia Gomez

- > Notre Dame High School for Girls, Class of 2006
- > Monmouth College, Class of 2010



Freshman Summer Program, 2002

As a first generation American, Claudia is achieving her own American dream and that of her parents who immigrated to the United States from El Salvador and Mexico to build a better life for their three children.

Claudia attended Notre Dame High School for Girls and reflects on her high school years by saying, "HighSight did so much for me and still continues to help me in the things I do. HighSight helped me to

become a leader in my household, at school and in sports. Through their help I was able to learn how to set goals and to manage my schedule in and out of school. Throughout the years at HighSight, I would not have been able to get the grades I did if it were not for the tutoring sessions along with the help of mentors who gave their time to help me in my studies. If it was not for HighSight or my parents I would not have been able to succeed. HighSight gave me the best preparation and motivation to do my best in school and be an independent leader. They also helped my parents to understand what it means to leave for college, as it is usually hard for parents to let their child go."

Claudia chose to attend Monmouth College and shares her experience by explaining, "I loved being active in college. HighSight prepared me in how to ask for help when I needed it and for me to create a relationship with my professors. HighSight helped me to take every opportunity that was offered to me and not to settle with what I had, but to do the best in my performance."

As the first person in her family to graduate from college, Claudia currently lives in Coal Valley, working for the re-election campaign of Rep. Phil Hare, D-III. Claudia uses her fluency in Spanish to help Representative Hare reach out to Latino voters. "I am excited to work with the community, to share my knowledge, and to help the Latino community understand the importance of being represented," she said. Claudia had her first interning experience with Humboldt Park Social Services, and that experience opened her eyes to the needs of the community and the field of politics. During her senior year of college, she switched her focus to working with the Latino community of Monmouth. "I have gained a vast interest in politics because it plays a critical role in life," she added.

Today, Claudia is in the process of applying to the Peace Corps, a longtime goal of hers. An aspiring philanthropist, she recently went on a mission trip to Haiti for 3 weeks to help community needs. "It was an amazing experience that allowed me to grow. I am excited to see where God will take me in life and what purpose I will have to help the community I live in. HighSight has done so much for my family. I am fortunate to have been accepted into the program and for the supporters that help HighSight to pay for our education. HighSight will always be part of me as I will never stop giving back for everything they have done. I hope to one day to be able to impact students' lives the way HighSight has done for me."



Haiti Mission Trip, 2010

HIGH SIGHT

315 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610

Phone 312.787.9824 Fax 312.787.7713

highsight.org

highsight.org

» HIGHTSIGHT CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Friday, November 12, 2010

Insight Fall Fling

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Rock Bottom Brewery

1 West Grand Avenue

Tickets: \$40



Thursday, December 30, 2010

Eve of the Eve

8:00pm – 1:00am

Union Station

210 South Canal Street

Tickets: \$125



Monday, May 16, 2011

Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Rhapsody

65 East Adams Street

Tickets: \$100

Tables: \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500

Visit highsight.org to purchase tickets or call **312.787.9824** for more information!

Follow HighSight on Facebook at facebook.com/HighSightChicago