

HIGH SIGHT

315 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610

Return Service Requested



Monday, December 30, 2013

8:00pm – 1:00am

Chicago Union Station

500 West Jackson Boulevard



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

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.

Open Bar / Hors d'oeuvres / Silent Auction / Cash Raffle / Music / Dancing

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

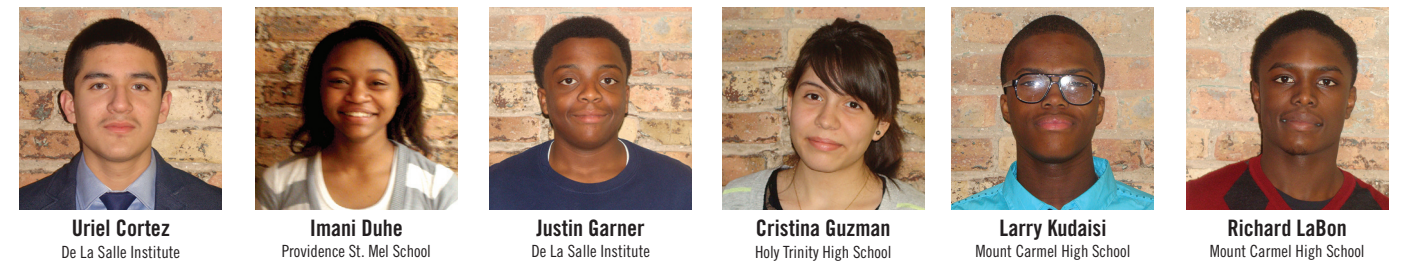
HighSight would like to thank all our EVE of the EVE sponsors for their generous support.



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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.

FALL 2013



WELCOME CLASS OF 2017!

HighSight welcomed our class of 2017 with an intense, five-week academic program that emphasized reading, writing, math, character development and study skills. The program culminated with Freshman Week at La Lumiere School in LaPorte, Indiana, where students worked on team-building, leadership development and planning for the year ahead.



INDEPENDENT SUMMER PROGRAMS

Through the generosity of our donors and enrichment program partners, our Class of 2014 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.



▲ Alicia Martinez spent her summer in Tanzania with Putney.

▲ Aileth Avila traveled to Italy with AFS. >



▲ Yamila Tueros did a writing intensive course at Andover Academy.



▲ Lizbeth Gonzalez spent 5 weeks in Panama with AFS.



< Destiny Chavez went to Andover Academy for her summer experience.

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT
» MATT GREGG



Matt Gregg (third from left) with juniors

Matt is Chicago native and graduate of Northwestern University who currently works as market researcher. Fortunately, he works right down the street from HighSight and is able to mentor our students several times a week. Matt has been tutoring and mentoring since high school, where he started working in the library as an editor of his peers' essays and college applications. He continued to mentor through college and into adulthood, previously working with a family of African refugees before linking up with HighSight. To date, Matt has worked almost exclusively with the junior class, starting out with them as freshman. If you asked him, he would characterize his experience with them as challenging, fun, and incredibly rewarding. Despite his dislike for the class's taste in music, you can tell he absolutely loves the HighSight scholars and is personally invested in their academic success. In addition to his efforts as a mentor, Matt has also been active in fundraising events using his marketing skills to help raise money for the organization.

CHRISTINE ALVARADO '14
DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE, CLASS OF 2014

Greetings from China



I arrived in Qiqihar, China, on July 12, 2013 for a 4 week stay. I could not believe that I had just traveled across the world on my own. In China, I was able to study the language and culture, befriend people from China and other countries, and was even able to have a taste of the food unique to Qiqihar.

I lived with a host family who challenged me to try new things. Because of them, I enjoyed pigs blood and fried frog legs—2 dishes I would have never approached in the United States. It is also because of their encouragement and support that I was able to climb a volcano, ride a horse, learn archery, go to the movies, sing karaoke and experience the city. Outside of my host family, I had classes of Mandarin, Chinese calligraphy/music, Tai Chi, and physical education. Overall, the experience I had in China opened my eyes to a whole new world. I would have never dreamed it possible for me to have such an amazing experience before college.

» UPCOMING EVENT



Thursday
November 7, 2013
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Rock Bottom Brewery
1 West Grand Avenue
Tickets: \$40 per person

Visit highsight.org to purchase tickets or call 312.787.9824

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT UPDATES

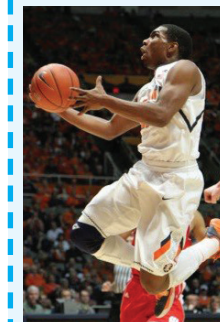
Jameson Taylor '08



- > Gordon Tech High School, Class of 2008
- > Illinois Wesleyan University, Class of 2012

Jameson Taylor graduated from Gordon Tech High School in 2008. He earned his Bachelor's of Arts in Business Administration from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2012. Jameson is now a Financial Services Professional with New York Life and NYLIFE Securities LLC. He works in Financial Services with Insurance and Investments doing individual/family, business, and estate planning. Jameson prides himself on first educating his clients and then customizing plans based on their needs, their goals and objectives, and their budget. This summer, Jameson served as a mentor for HighSight's Junior Leadership Program and is currently working with other HighSight alumni to help establish and grow the HighSight Young Professionals Association.

Tracy Abrams '11



- > Mt. Carmel High School, Class of 2011
- > University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Class of 2015

Tracy Abrams is a student-athlete at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After earning a cumulative GPA of a 3.1, Tracy spent the summer before his junior year studying on campus. In addition to studying, Tracy is the team captain of the Illini basketball team. Tracy Abrams works hard both in the classroom and on the court.

Brittane Maddox '10



- > Trinity High School, Class of 2010
- > Denison University, Class of 2014

Brittane Maddox attends Denison University and is a Posse Scholar. She has a Senior Educational Studies Major and Sociology/Anthropology Minor. At Denison, she has been actively involved in the Black Student Union, the Denison Community Association, and a host of other organizations on campus. She interned with the Chicago Public Schools Service Learning Division as a college mentor and recently interned for Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development Summer Program.

Also, for the past 2 years, Brittane has returned to HighSight to volunteer with our summer programs. And, finally, upon graduating from Denison in May of 2014, she will be working in the nonprofit education sector.

» WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



64% Latino
46% Male
54% Female
31% African American
5% Other

43% graduated from a private elementary school
57% graduated from a public elementary school

Median Household Income is \$30,600

For the 14th year in a row, 100% of our graduated seniors were accepted into college.

The 16 alums in our 2013 graduated class were awarded nearly \$2,240,000 in scholarships and grants for their collective four years of college, an average of more than \$140,000 per student

HighSight Scholars, during the academic year of 2012-2013, maintained an average GPA of 3.44