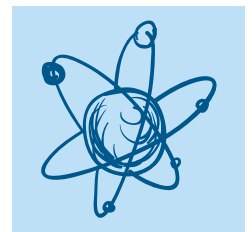
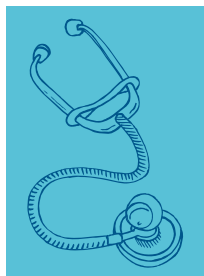
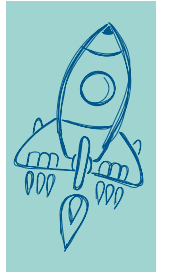


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Dear Friends,

DREAM BIG. This is what students in HFS Chicago Scholars do. We've witnessed it time and time again. Many students bring the desire to dream big with them when they become HFS Chicago Scholars. Through the opportunity of entering a challenging academic environment with a network of support, our students discover that they not only can reach their dreams but that they will. In dreaming big, our students do all of us adults a significant service. They remind us of one of the most important lessons in life: make sure you have a dream and never give up on it.

Our scholars continue to amaze and humble us. They dream big, but they also do the work. One hundred percent of our graduates enroll in a college or university. Ninety percent of our scholars make the high school honor roll each year. One hundred percent of our scholars are leaders in their school, participating in student government, sports, and other extracurricular activities.

Thanks to your generous support, we continue to help at-risk high school students realize that they can dream big things and work hard to make those dreams come true. HFS Chicago Scholars is a force for good in Chicago's toughest neighborhoods – with your continued support, we will keep helping more and more students reach their dreams.

On behalf of HFS Chicago Scholars, thank you for your generous support. We hope you enjoy learning more about some of our scholars and the big dreams that they are chasing.

Best Regards,



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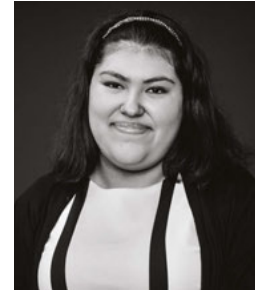
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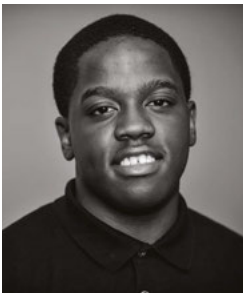
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SCHOLAR PROFILES

Nayelin's Big Dream: "I hope to be a successful accountant for a Big Four firm in the Chicago area. But what I really hope to do is give back. One of my proudest accomplishments while attending Trinity was completing more than 400 hours of community service. Becoming a successful accountant will not only allow me to buy a house for my parents and me but allow me to lend a voice for those who are not heard."

Rogelio's Big Dream: "I'm most interested in nursing or engineering for my career, but my dream is about helping illuminate other people's dreams. What I most look forward to is the day when I can personally support someone's high school education through a program like HFS. HFS has helped reveal my goals and dreams and it got me thinking that others need to benefit in the same way. There can be no greater return on investment."

Charmaine's Big Dream: "I'm pretty sure I know what I want to do: forensic pathology with a medical and criminal focus. Much of my inspiration stems from my general interests but also my own health issues. I also spent a month in Argentina through an exchange program. So I figure my career path will sustain my interest, allow me to build a name for myself and help people around the world since I don't intend to stop traveling."

Victoria's Big Dream: "During the first meeting of our student Medical Club, we had a general surgeon in as a guest speaker. He fascinated me. I was struck by the sense of mutual trust that was essential to the doctor/patient relationship. From that day on, I knew I wanted to be a surgeon. I can't think of anything more fulfilling than a patient telling me 'thanks for saving my life.'"

Toni's Big Dream: "I've always had this entrepreneurial gene in me so I know I want to work for myself. I don't mind standing in line to buy the newest pair of shoes because I've sold them for a profit the next day. My next milestone is my birthday because, at that time, I'll be able to legally trade commodities and take my entrepreneurial curiosity to a new place."

Bennett's Big Dream: "When I interned at Raymond James Financial, Inc., I walked away impressed and with a deep respect for how the underwriters, salesman, and bankers each worked in unison to ensure successful operations. It wasn't easy, but they loved what they did and were pretty good at it too. I'd like to find a job that challenges me to meet and exceed a high professional standard while engaging clients around the world."

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HFS Chicago Scholars' Leadership Breakfast is pleased to announce **Howard Tullman**, CEO of 1871 and General Managing Partner of G2T3V, LLC and Chicago High Tech Investment Partners, as the Keynote Speaker for our 10th Annual Leadership Breakfast. We also are proud to have the following individuals as Leadership Breakfast Co-Chairs for 2016:

- Sean Berkowitz, Latham & Watkins LLP
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The Leadership Breakfast is our signature fundraiser and continues to be an amazing event every year. An incredible 92 percent of every gross dollar raised at the Leadership Breakfast goes directly to support our mission. If you haven't already, please visit our website at www.hfischicagoscholars.com and reserve your table today. We look forward to seeing you there!

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	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenues	\$675,070	\$666,546
Expenses		
Program Expense	452,598	341,467
Management Expense	10,273	11,339
Fundraising Expense	105,135	10,073
Total Expenses	<u>586,006</u>	<u>362,879</u>
Change in Net Assets	107,064	303,667
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	989,091	685,424
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$1,096,155</u>	<u>\$989,091</u>

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“I am a writer, and I’ve worked with publications through Columbia College downtown, and most recently interned at the Chicago Defender. I also had the privilege to go on the set of Spike Lee’s new movie *Chiraq*, and met with screenwriter Kevin Willmott who gave me incredible tools to further my career as a television and movie writer. My dream job is to be the head writer of my own show or write and direct my own movies.”



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