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REPORT

WORKING TO EDUCATE CHICAGO'S FUTURE LEADERS



DEAR FRIENDS,

As we enter into a new year we continue to be humbled by the quality of students we meet through HFS Chicago Scholars.

Our scholars are motivated students who, when given the opportunity, do extraordinary things. Through your support, our scholars are paired with individual mentors and receive academic tutoring, tuition assistance, educational enrichment, and tools for college preparation that ensure their tremendous success. Everyone has the ability to succeed, but not everyone has the opportunity to do so. HFS Chicago Scholars recognizes this and gives students an opportunity to succeed.

The results speak for themselves: **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 activities. In neighborhoods where the odds often are stacked against them, our scholars show through personal example what a kid who gets a break can do.

HFS Chicago Scholars receives more than 300 applications each year. From last year's class, 268 were eligible to receive this scholarship. We accepted 41 scholars. We have done good things, but need to do more. With your generous donations we can close the gap and offer more self-motivated students an opportunity to attend the best schools in the Chicagoland area and chase their dreams.

On behalf of HFS Chicago Scholars, we thank you for your support and look forward to building on our success next year and beyond.

Best Regards,



DESIREE PEPPER-VENZANT
Executive Director



MICHAEL J. KENNELLY
Founder & Chairman

Quick Facts and Stats: HFS Chicago Scholars

- » Founded in 1993
- » Helps economically disadvantaged Chicago high school students who show academic and leadership promise
- » Asks for four-year written commitment holding our scholars to a set of performance expectations
- » Provides financial assistance for our scholars to attend top Chicago private high schools
- » Provides each scholar with a young professional mentor and each class of scholars with an academic director
- » Provides educational enrichment and group activities outside the classroom, as well as college selection and admissions support



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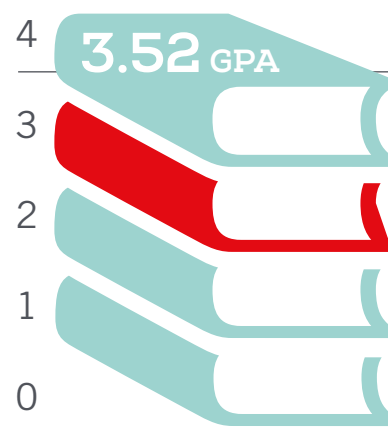
The number of community service hours completed by HFS Scholars during the 2014 - 2015 academic year.

CLASS OF 2015

HFS Chicago Scholars Going to College

GRADUATE	UNIVERSITY ATTENDING	LOCATION
Simran Ali	Denison University	Granville, OH
Jessica Bailey	Princeton University	Princeton, NJ
Abigail Bautista	Arrupe College of Loyola University	Chicago, IL
Christian Davis	Arizona State University	Phoenix, AZ
Gabriel Gonzalez	Southern Illinois University	Carbondale, IL
Brianna Guzman	St. Louis University	St. Louis, MO
Elissa Lopez	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Urbana-Champaign, IL
Lauren Merriwether	Syracuse University	Syracuse, NY
Delia Montoya	Augustana College	Rock Island, IL
Isaac Moore	Dominican University	Chicago, IL
Benjamin Vela	Cardinal Stritch University	Milwaukee, WI
Marcus Williams	Xavier University	Cincinnati, OH
Rafael Velazquez	Wright College	Chicago, IL

AVERAGE GPA 2014 - 2015



HFS Chicago Scholars' academic performances soar above the required 3.0 GPA (grade point average) shown above in red.

1:1

The ratio of mentors to scholars, forming a relationship that is integral to our scholars' continued success.



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- James H. Roth, Huron Consulting Group
- James H.M. Sprayregen, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

The Leadership Breakfast, our primary fundraiser, has grown in turnout, attention and benefit every year. With your generous support, we continue on that trajectory this year. If you haven't already, please visit our website at www.hfsschicagoscholars.com and reserve your table today. We look forward to seeing you there!

HFS Chicago Scholars
9th Annual Leadership Breakfast

Friday, September 18, 2015
7:30 – 9:00 AM

The Standard Club
320 South Plymouth Court
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Grand Ballroom



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Honored: The Honorable Anne Burke, Illinois Supreme Court Justice First District

Co-Chairs: Larry Barden, Sidley Austin; Deborah DeHaas, Deloitte; Julie Howard, Navigant

Thank you for your support!

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HFS Chicago Scholars Statement of Activities for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

	2015	2014
Revenues	\$666,546	\$549,685
Expenses		
Program Expense	341,467	281,123
Management Expense	11,339	9,184
Fundraising Expense	10,073	3,890
Total Expenses	362,879	294,197
Change in Net Assets	303,667	255,488
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	685,424	429,936
Net Assets - End of Year	\$989,091	\$685,424



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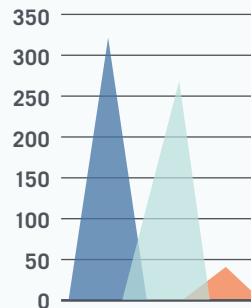
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CLOSE THE GAP



300+ 8th graders have applied each year to HFS in the past five years.

Of the applicants for the Class of 2019, **268** were eligible for HFS Chicago Scholars.

We accepted **41** scholars — approximately 14% of the applicants.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: With your help and generous donations, we can expand the number of scholars we accept each year, so that more and more of these bright individuals can attend Chicago's best private schools. Help us close the gap!

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Delia Montoya, 2015

Trinity High School
FIRST TO GO TO COLLEGE IN HER FAMILY
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“I was grateful every day that HFS funded me to go to my school with all my friends. I realize that not everyone has my opportunities — I truly seized them and used them to their full potential. This fall I’m attending Augustana College where I received several scholarships including the Dean’s Scholarship, College Diversity Award and the President’s Award for Educational Excellence. I’m so happy that my education can be paid for without too much stress on my parents.”



Jeremy Atuobi

St. Ignatius College Prep
Class of 2017

“HFS has helped me understand that people are willing to help you as long as you are willing to put in the work and effort. I also think HFS has helped me realize that giving back to my community is important, especially since people have chosen to give for my benefit. I want to thank Mr. Kennelly for making a private high school education an opportunity for my family, Ms. Desiree for serving as a mother to all of the scholars, with high expectations for each of her children, and my mentor, Joe, for serving as a guide in all areas of my life.”

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