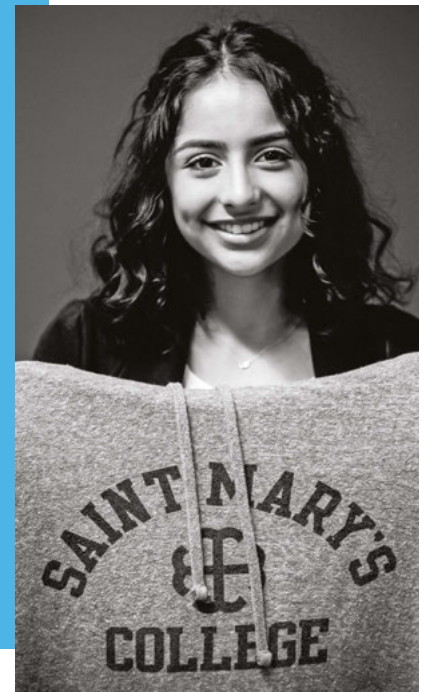
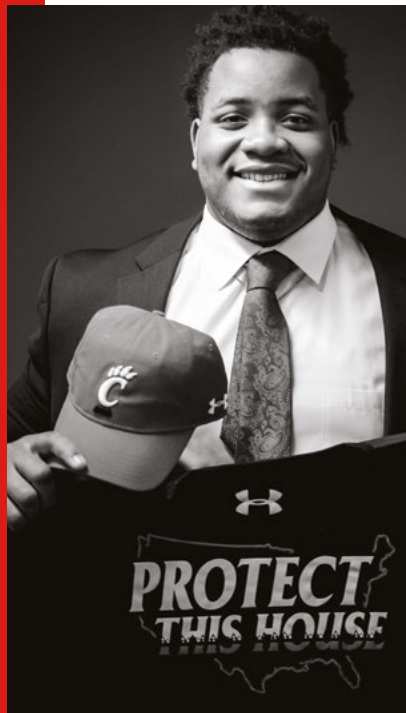
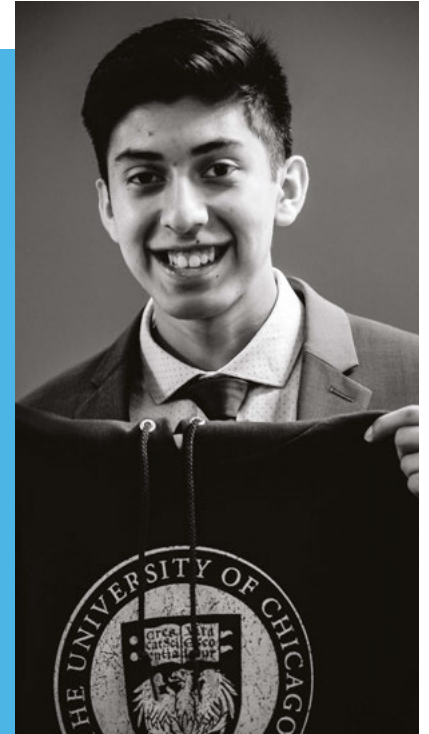


# REACHING FOR THE STARS





Dear Friends,

**FOR 25 YEARS**, HFS Chicago Scholars has helped economically disadvantaged, academically motivated kids succeed in high school and beyond. We work actively with our scholars via the HFS educational enrichment program, which is predicated on Academic Excellence, Lifelong Mentoring and College Readiness. The success of our scholars is measurable and amazing – see the table on page 7 of this report.

The drive and success of our scholars is the inspiration for our new visual identity. The “Star Reacher” is emblematic of our scholars’ dreams and their daily hard work to achieve those dreams. They and their families are surrounded by a constellation of HFS supporters to help them succeed: HFS staff, mentors, alumni, board members and donors.

Thanks to you, our scholars have the opportunity to work hard, reach for academic excellence and ... the stars! We look forward to our scholars’ future and thank you for your generous support.

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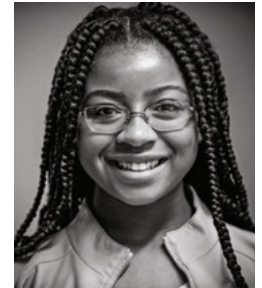
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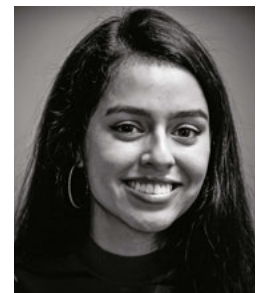
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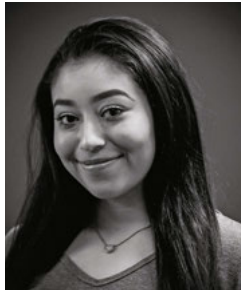
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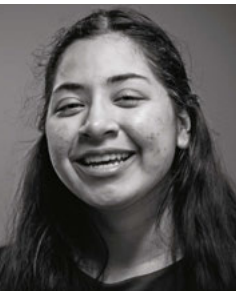
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HFS Chicago Scholars  
**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Breakfast**

**Friday, September 14, 2018**  
 7:30 – 9:00 AM

**NEW VENUE:**  
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**H**FS Chicago Scholars is pleased to announce **Patrick Fitzgerald**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Former U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois as its Honoree and Keynote Speaker. We are thankful for the 2018 Leadership Breakfast Co-Chairs who so generously support the HFS Mission.

- Patrick Canning, KPMG
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PHOTOS FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST: The 2017 Leadership Breakfast was a resounding success; our honorees addressed a crowd of 500+ attendees and we raised over \$600,000 for scholarships!

**HONOREES:**

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	2018	2017
<b>Revenues</b> . . . . .	\$ 898,414	\$ 700,091
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Expense . . . . .	656,467	509,762
Management Expense . . . . .	72,200	12,485
Fundraising Expense . . . . .	84,997	77,804
Total Expenses . . . . .	813,664	600,051
Change in Net Assets . . . . .	84,750	100,040
Net Assets - Beginning of Year . . . . .	1,196,195	1,096,155
<b>Net Assets - End of Year</b> . . . . .	<b>\$1,280,495</b>	<b>\$ 1,196,195</b>

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**OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS,** I have had many ups and downs in high school and through them all, HFS has given me its continual support and provided me with many great opportunities. I attended Queen of Peace High School for my first three years then transferred due to its sudden closing. I had the privilege to attend St. Ignatius College Prep for my senior year. When I was informed that Queen of Peace was closing, I just started crying and crying, and I couldn't stop panicking. I remember speaking to Ms. Desiree over the phone one night as she tried to help me through this whole process. She assured me that I was going to be okay and that everything would work out with my new high school. And it did — I had an amazing experience!

With the support of HFS, I was not only able to adjust to a new school and participate in service opportunities, but I also connected with my amazing mentor, Samantha. She has been there for me when I needed her and has become a good friend. I would like to thank everyone in the HFS family and the donors for believing in me. The staff truly has pushed me to be my best self! In the fall I will attend Northwestern as a first generation student where I will major in Mathematics.

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