Monique Bontemps, a graduate of Trinity High School, will be attending DePauw University, in Greencastle, Indiana. Monique, who hopes to continue to study art, will be receiving nearly $150,000 in scholarships and grants throughout her college career.

Luis Covarrubias, a graduate of Gordon Tech High School, is headed to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Luis maintained high honor roll status throughout his four years of high school while earning cross-country awards. Luis will be a member of the Fighting Illini fully funded in the fall.

Angel Dieguez, a graduate of Mount Carmel High School, will be attending Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Angel, both an honor roll student and the captain of his soccer team for three years, will be attending Furman fully-funded and is receiving nearly $200,000 over the next four years in scholarships and grants.

Yamari Gonzalez, a graduate of De La Salle Institute, will be heading to Augustana College, in Rock Island, Illinois with over $130,000 in scholarships and grants. As a graduate with honors, Yamari plans on studying Audiology.

Victor Hardges, a graduate of Gordon Tech High School, will be pursuing his love of theater at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. Victor, who will be attending fully-funded, will be receiving close to $165,000 in scholarship and grant money over his college career.

Dyamone Hopkins, a graduate of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School and HighSight's resident thespian, will be attending Denison University, in Granville, Ohio, with over $180,000 in scholarships and grants.

Ryan Liedke, a graduate of St. Patrick High School, will carry his love of literature and theater to Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Ryan, who is fully-funded, will be receiving nearly $180,000 in scholarships and grants.

Valencia Short, a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, will be receiving over $130,000 in scholarships and grants to attend Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. Valencia, known at HighSight for her love of dance and travel, hopes to study theater at Knox.

Jocelyn Uribe, a graduate of Maria High School, will be heading off to St. Olaf College, in Northfield, Minnesota in the fall. Jocelyn, who will be receiving over $180,000 in scholarships and grants, will be pursuing her love of dance and the arts.

May 9th was this year’s 3rd Annual Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner, held at the Symphony Center, where we celebrated all our amazing seniors.

Our very generous and incredibly supportive donors came out in full stride, many of them hosting tables and inviting friends and family to learn about HighSight and what we have achieved. This year’s honorees were Steven and Jennifer Salopek – longtime supporters and friends of the organization who shared their story and how much HighSight means to them. They very generously offered a matching gift of up to $10,000 to new supporters of the organization. Later, that wonderful offer was matched again by Richard Schuessler of the Walter & Lois Schuessler Scholarship Foundation who raised the bar to $20,000.

Also in attendance were many of our fantastic mentors who give so much of their time each week to assist the scholars with their homework and talk with them about life in general. Lastly, there were many friends of HighSight and HighSight scholars’ parents who were there to celebrate our seniors’ hard work and hear their stories.

Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner

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.
Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner continued

And that was the by far the high point of the night: hearing from our amazing seniors who graduated this year. They were so poised, confident and articulate. They told stories of how much HighSight means to them and how this experience has forever changed them. They have learned how to “go another mile”, break out of their comfort zones and push themselves to places they never dreamed. They worked hard, many traveled abroad and they told heartfelt stories of the friends and relationships they made at HighSight. They were so appreciative and kind with their comments and thanks to all the people that helped them to where they are now.

At the conclusion of evening, Vanessa Alvarez, one of our HighSight alums from the Class of 2005, gave a speech that really inspired our seniors and everyone else. She told us all to follow our dreams and really “be there” to enjoy the moments in our lives when we can appreciate all we have and all we have accomplished. Thanks to everyone who made it an extraordinarily successful evening.
ALUMNI UPDATES

Cecilia Marchan '07

> Notre Dame High School for Girls, Class of 2007
> Hiram College, Class of 2011

Cecilia graduated from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science in May of 2011. At Hiram, Cecilia was a Resident Assistant for three years, highly recognized by the Office of Residential Education and Dean for her service as a community leader and level of involvement on campus through various activities. Cecilia currently works as the Coordinator for Global Initiatives at DePaul University’s Loop Campus working with the local and global academic community. She continues to have ties with the Pilsen community and represents DePaul University in Pilsen Neighbors Community Council’s University Round Table. Cecilia has plans of pursuing her graduate studies at DePaul’s School of Law and Master’s in International Studies.

Cameron King '08

> Francis W. Parker High School, Class of 2008
> Knox College, Class of 2012

A graduate of Francis W. Parker High School and now a graduate of Knox College, Cameron King is an amazing young man. He majored in Political Science and has a minor in Photography. “The political science curriculum was rigorous but it has opened my eyes to a wealth of information about the United States government and governments around the world”. Cameron further explains that he used his major in photography to be well-rounded and explore his love for the arts.

Aside from his academic pursuits and successes, Cameron ran on the track team, joined Phi Gamma Delta and served on the executive board of Allied Blacks for Liberty and Equality. He describes Knox as, “an atmosphere that allows you to have a close relationship with all of your teachers, and attend classes that are small enough for you to be an active contributor in class discussions”. For the atmosphere, and for his experience at Knox, Cameron is grateful.

Cameron is currently searching for internships. He plans on taking the LSAT in the fall. He will then apply to law schools in the fall of 2013.

Liliana Jimenez ’11

> Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, Class of 2011
> Bates College, Class of 2015

Liliana Jimenez, a graduate of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, had a successful first year at Bates College in Lewistown, Maine. Liliana has decided to major in Politics, specifically international policy. She describes her first year as, “eye-opening, and challenging”. Lily goes on to explain that living so far away from home taught her responsibility and independence.

At Bates, Liliana decided to take advantage of all of her opportunities, maintaining what she describes as a “chaotic” schedule. She participated in Latinos Unidos, Outfront Club and International Club. She has had her first experience skiing, canoeing and surfing. Liliana is both excited to have a slower summer break but is also looks forward to returning to Bates for some new adventure in the fall.
Thursday, November 8, 2012
Fall Fling
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Rock Bottom Brewery
1 West Grand Avenue
Tickets: $40 for 1 / $70 for 2

Sunday, December 30, 2012
Eve of the Eve
8:00pm – 1:00am
Chicago Union Station
500 West Jackson Boulevard
Tickets: $125

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Go Another Mile
Scholarship Dinner
5:30pm – 8:30pm
Symphony Center
67 East Adams Street
Tickets: $100
Tables: $500, $1,000 and $2,500

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