HighSight

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.

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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2010
8:00pm – 1:00am
UNION STATION
210 South Canal Street

Tickets: $125 in advance / $140 day of
Cocktails • Hors d’oeuvres • Silent Auction • Raffle
Music by South of 80 • Dancing
Garage parking is available. Black tie optional.
Tickets are available at highsight.org for this charity scholarship event.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF D’ANGELO GRIFFIS

D’Angeio Griffis was a young man with a big smile that reflected his dynamic spirit, generous heart and zest for life. As an 8th grader, after participating in our Insight elementary school program, he was selected to be a part of the HighSight Class of 2014 and attend De La Salle Institute. In the five weeks that he participated in our Freshman Summer Program, he touched the lives of the entire HighSight staff and freshman class. Sadly, D’Angelo passed away quite suddenly due to a heart condition. He will be deeply missed.

INDEPENDENT SUMMER PROGRAMS

Through the generosity of our donors and enrichment program partners, our Class of 2011 spent their summer on college campuses, at boarding schools and traveling internationally to nations around the world. When asked for ONE WORD to describe their experience, they said:

Amazing Pura Vida (Pure Life) INSPIRING Life-changing Hakuna Matata (No Worries)
This summer I had the amazing opportunity to go to Thailand for seven weeks, do community service and live with a host family. It was the most remarkable experience of my life. The sounds, smells and colors overwhelmed my senses completely. More than anything, the people’s generosity and hospitality made me feel at home. The first day I got to Lamphun, in Northern Thailand, I visited a farm. Rice is the main dish in Thailand and there were fields upon fields of it. The serenity that I felt standing among nature is hard to describe. I got to see a bamboo tree that does not come in a vase filled with water and that is actually on the ground. I was given a tour of a Thai college and was able to contrast the difference between their campus and an American college campus. In reality there is not much of a difference. Students were there to learn and enjoy themselves. Thailand has amazing fruit. In August, they celebrated a fruit called Longon and I was told I was to dress up. Imagine my surprise when I found out I was to be in a parade.

In Thailand, I was able to try new things and truly step out of my comfort zone. However, among everything new that I tried, I still felt a sense of being comfortable with it. There was something familiar about the whole experience. Perhaps it is because I was with people. No matter what side of the world we are on laughter and love still exist. Today, people in America ask me how people in Thailand are and I honestly can say they are like people in America. We all have worries about our families. We all get tired and enjoy a good laugh. We love. My realization of this will help me lead others in my community to come to this same conclusion and promote peace in the world through collaboration. I was re-energized to work hard in my senior year.

I truly hope more HighSight students take the risk of going outside the country and experience a new culture. It is a way to learn about others in the world and to learn about yourself and how people view the US. Get on that thirteen hour flight and own it. Because once you get off the plane the changes begin.
HIGHSIGHT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 12, 2010
Insight Fall Fling
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Rock Bottom Brewery
1 West Grand Avenue
Tickets: $40

Thursday, December 30, 2010
Eve of the Eve
8:00pm – 1:00am
Union Station
210 South Canal Street
Tickets: $125

Monday, May 16, 2011
Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner
5:30pm – 8:30pm
Rhapsody
65 East Adams Street
Tickets: $100
Tables: $500, $1,000 and $2,500

Visit highsight.org to purchase tickets or call 312.787.9824 for more information!
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