**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.

**WINTER 2012**

The 18th annual EVE of the EVE, held December 30, 2011 at Chicago Union Station, was a tremendous success. This year’s event raised nearly $190,000 for HighSight scholarships - an impressive figure in any year, but especially impressive given the continuing economic climate.

We are deeply grateful to all our guests, supporters and sponsors, whose generosity helps to provide scholarships, tutoring, mentoring, leadership development and college readiness programs so our scholars may continue to succeed at Chicago’s private high schools.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities for EVE of the EVE 2012 or any of HighSight’s upcoming fundraisers, please contact Melinda Green at 312.787.9824 ext. 228 or e-mail melinda.green@highsight.org.

To view all the pictures and press from EVE of the EVE 2011, please visit highsight.org.
When asked to verbalize his favorite part of being in the HighSight community, Chris Duffy said, “I enjoy seeing the kids grow from freshman to seniors and being a part of the progress they make as individuals.” Chris Duffy, a Global Sales Manager at Cisco Systems, has been a mentor at HighSight for three years. In those three years, Chris has touched many lives and forged many friendships that are valuable to HighSight scholars.

At HighSight, Chris Duffy is best known for his math skills. Originally from Wilmette, IL, Chris studied Economics, with a concentration in financial markets, at Colby College. While his math skills are definitely top notch, Chris also helps students in a wide variety of areas. His skill set, his genuine desire to help and his love for kids, has made it easy for the students to approach him and learn from him.

In addition to Calculus support and Geometry tutoring, Chris simply enjoys simply engaging the students. He values, “developing a level of trust with the scholars and helping them grow their expectations on who they think they should be.” The level of trust Chris shares with the HighSight scholars is impressive. Their camaraderie is so strong that many of the scholars ask him for advice and trust his judgment.

Outside of HighSight, Chris leads a busy, well-rounded life. He enjoys travel and has recently been to Europe, Singapore, and India to name a few. He also enjoys the outdoors. Specifically, Chris enjoys boating and running. Chris has run, and continues to run, marathons in Chicago and elsewhere.

To best summarize who Chris Duffy is and what he means to our community, one of the senior HighSight scholars said, “If I grow up to be like Chris, I’d be proud. My parents would be proud. He’s the smartest, nicest guy I know.”
very Tuesday afternoon, I find myself deeply engaged with the teachings of my mentor, Art. I am fortunate to have a scholarship organization, HighSight, assist my family with my high school tuition. However it is not the assistance with school tuition I find to be HighSight's most valuable asset. Instead mentors like Art who help students like me out every week make HighSight unique.

My junior year, Art and I worked on a paper determining if former President Kennedy's words still matter. Initially, I thought this was an extraneous assignment since Kennedy delivered his inaugural address fifty years ago. However, after dissecting his address, I was fascinated that even after half a century, his words are as important now as they were then.

When I delve into memories that demonstrate a bit about me, this is the one that stands out. First, I love to learn. Last year, I never missed a single mentoring session with Art, not because I was forced to, but because it was the one day out of the week I looked forward to. Each week, I was astounded by Art's knowledge that he was able to pass on to me. He simplified Kennedy's address, which I did not view as extraneous but as interesting and relevant. Kennedy's desire for social awareness, public service, and the elimination of poverty stood out. Interpreting what Kennedy said taught me to better structure and research a paper. In addition to my eagerness to learn, this memory also demonstrates my perception of knowledge. I don't write papers, or turn in lengthy assignments just to better my grade, but I apply what I learned to my life. Kennedy's ambition for us to take initiative and stand up to social issues motivated me to take a stand in student government and bring up the issue of an eco-friendly environment. My school has now eschewed the use of styrofoam plates, plastic eating utensils, and offer healthy organic options to eat.

This memory helps me realize the hard work and dedication I put into every assignment. I will no longer view assignments as extraneous, or pointless, but a way to benefit my learning. Working with Art taught me to be more optimistic about homework, because, after all, who knew an essay for my honors class would help define me.
Friday, April 20, 2012
Happy Hour
5:30pm - 8:30pm
STATE Restaurant
935 West Webster Avenue
Tickets: $30

Wednesday, May 9, 2012
Go Another Mile
Scholarship Dinner
5:30pm – 8:30pm
Symphony Center
67 East Adams Street
Tickets: $100
Tables: $500, $1,000 and $2,500

Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Midsummer Eve of the Eve
5:30pm – 9:30pm
The Plaza at Park Grill
11 North Michigan Avenue
Tickets: $60 in advance / $75 day of

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