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**48 STUDENTS & FAMILIES INTERVIEWED**

**27 NEW HIGHSIGHT SCHOLARS**

- **Bobbie Barnes**
  - Providence St. Mel School
- **Rogelio Becerra**
  - De La Salle Institute
- **Gabriel Bruceles**
  - De La Salle Institute
- **Nestor Carbajal**
  - De La Salle Institute
- **Marina Carbajal**
  - Holy Trinity High School
- **Gustavo Castañeda**
  - Gordon Tech High School
- **Telia Cobb**
  - Gordon Tech High School
- **Angelica Contreras**
  - De La Salle Institute
- **Anamile Garcia**
  - Mother McAuley High School
- **Sarah Hererra**
  - De La Salle Institute
- **Marilynne Hubbard**
  - St. Benedict High School
- **Jeremiah Jones**
  - Providence St. Mel School
- **Cristian Juarez**
  - St. Patrick High School
- **Marissa Lizzie**
  - Mother McAuley High School
- **Marina Luna**
  - De La Salle Institute
- **Brittany Odoro**
  - De La Salle Institute
- **Corina Perez**
  - De La Salle Institute
- **Karla Pohlano**
  - Gordon Tech High School
- **Edwin Rocha**
  - Gordon Tech High School
- **Viridiana Serrato**
  - Mother McAuley High School
- **Jada Shelby**
  - St. Benedict High School
- **Saurang Singh**
  - Gordon Tech High School
- **Jose Valero**
  - De La Salle Institute
- **Miguel Verdin**
  - Mt. Carmel High School
- **Marquis Williams**
  - Providence St. Mel School
- **Charles Wilson**
  - Fenwick High School
- **Bennett Yoc**
  - St. Patrick High School
Lakulish Patel moved to the U.S from India when he was 18 to pursue higher education. After college, Lakulish began his career in consulting. Lakulish currently works in Software automation and QA at KCura, a company responsible for the leading e-Discovery software for law firms. He has been consulting in the Chicago area for seven years and has worked at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

After finding a career he enjoyed, Lakulish was looking for ways to give back to the community when a friend introduced him to the 20/30 Club of Chicago, a volunteer organization that worked with local charities. He was then introduced to HighSight and has been mentoring for two years. Lakulish explains, “Tutoring here at HighSight has given me some of my best memories in the last two years.” Lakulish works with our scholars in a way that energizes and motivates them.

After his first year, Lakulish became more and more dedicated to the scholars and to HighSight’s mission. Not only does Lakulish tutor the students, but he also facilitated a relationship between KCura and HighSight. Because of Lakulish’s introductions, HighSight is thrilled to begin an exciting, new partnership with KCura.

HighSight is excited to introduce KCura as a new donor. Thanks to Lakulish Patel, KCura provided a generous $2,500 grant.

Overall, Lakulish said, “Working with the scholars is one of the most rewarding experiences that I have ever had. I enjoy being able to lay the foundations for the future success of the scholars. It is very exiting to see them grow as a class, as students, and as individuals and see them achieve the high goals that they initially think are not achievable. That is what makes me want to come back and keep tutoring.”

Visit highsight.org to purchase tickets or call 312.787.9824.
His summer I traveled to Argentina through the Putney Student Travel. I completed 60 hours of community service in a village named Valle Grande, Jujuy, located in the middle of the northern mountains of Argentina.

The most amazing part of my trip was being able to reach the hearts of many people. The local people enjoyed playing soccer, dancing, and playing flute and guitar. Every night we would gather and bond and I would introduce them to American music and dancing; they loved it. I also showed off my beat boxing skills and every time the group traveled somewhere the kids would stop me and ask me to beat box while they rapped in Spanish. The moments were simple but amazing.

I know I will forever cherish the people of Argentina. I even returned home feeling more Argentine pride than Mexican pride. With the Putney group, I have made great life time friends. We bonded through completing community service, wild water rafting, zip-lining hundreds of feet in the air, and completing a four day hike, one consisting of an eight hour journey from one town to another.

I feel as if my experience has taught me that there are a lot of things to look forward to in life and that hope is never absent regardless of status and position. My experience motivated me to realize that I am capable of doing great things for others.
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**Open Bar | Hors d’oeuvres | Silent Auction | Cash Raffle | Live Music by South of 80 | Dancing**

Tickets: $125 in advance / $140 day of

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