May 8th was this year’s 4th Annual Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner, held at the Symphony Center, where we celebrated the success of the HighSight class of 2013. Our very generous and incredibly supportive donors and mentors came out in full force, inviting friends and family to learn about HighSight.

This year HighSight’s honoree was Sr. Stephanie Schmidts—an incredible woman with nearly 40 years of experience in education. After listening to Sr. Stephanie’s address, last year’s honorees, Steve and Jennifer Salopek, very generously offered a matching gift of up to $10,000 to help inch closer to the $10,000 goal for the Eve of the Eve.

Many of our supporters gave generous donations that evening to help inch closer to the $10,000 mark. We love the enthusiasm and excitement of our incredible donors who so passionately believe in what we are doing.

Also in attendance were many of our fantastic mentors who gave so much of their time each week to assist the scholars with their homework. The dinner also hosted many friends of HighSight and HighSight scholars’ parents.

A group of HighSight Alumni enjoy the scholarship dinner Left to right: Samantha Sosa ’12, Jamey Taylor ’10, Vanessa Alvarez ’15, Laura Rose, Elizabeth Moran ’99

May’s Fall Flings

Chicago Union Station 8:00pm – 1:00am Eve of the Eve

5:30pm – 8:30pm May 2014 Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner 5:30pm – 8:30pm

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.

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Visit highsight.org to purchase tickets or call 312.787.9824 for more information! Follow HighSight on Facebook at facebook.com/HighSightChicago

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Go Another Mile Scholarship Dinner continued

By far, the high point of the night was hearing from our graduates. 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 were so appreciative and kind with their comments and gave thanks to all the people who helped get them to where they are now.

At the conclusion of evening, Michael West, a HighSight alum from the Class of 2003, inspired the class of 2013 to walk into all new situations with an open mind and to always remember to help each other. Thanks to everyone who made it an extraordinarily successful evening.

CLASS OF

2013

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GRADS

COLLEGES &

UNIVERSITIES:

Augustana College
DePaul University (2)
Furman University (2)
Knox College
Knox College (2)
Monmouth College
Northwestern University
Northeastern Illinois University
Rider University
St. Olaf College (2)
Suzukahara University (3)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Midsummer EVE of the EVE

The 13th annual Midsummer EVE of the EVE, held June 5, 2013 at The Plaza at Park Grill, was a tremendous success with a fabulous crowd. This year’s event featured Clik Entertainment and live music by Pat McKillen. We are deeply grateful to all our guests, supporters and sponsors. To view pictures from this year’s event, visit facebook.com/HighSightChicago.

SISTER STEPHANIE SCHMIDTS, HONOREE

When Mark Duhon introduced this year’s honoree, Sister Stephanie, he said, “In 1991, I walked into St. Joseph’s Rectory and met a woman that changed my life forever.” Sister Stephanie worked tirelessly as outreach minister at St. Joseph school. She assembled an army of young people, forming the Insight Program, which was set up to tutor and mentor the students. One of those mentors was Mark Duhon, who would go on to become HighSight’s executive director and co-founder.

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Despite the closing of St. Joseph’s school, Sister Stephanie has not stopped dedicating her life to serving Chicago’s low income youth. Sister not only inspired Mark Duhon to organize HighSight, but also remains dedicated to Insight. The Insight program has over 50 mentors and works with 80 young people. During her address that evening Sister said, “Insight and HighSight are proven programs for over 20 years. They are ones that our Mayor needs to know about when he is raising money for educational proven programs.” Sister Stephanie’s energy, concern and genuine love of education are infectious.

CLASS OF 2013 INDEPENDENT SUMMER PROGRAMS:

These include discovery, enrichment and adventure on college campuses, boarding schools, and international travel to nations around the world.

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Student / Program / Destination
Jennifer Aguayo, The Experiment in International Living ... France
Christine Alvardo, AFS Intercultural Programs ... China
Aireth Avisa, AFS Intercultural Programs ... Italy
Dury Brown, The Experiment in International Living ... Chile
Demetrios Brown, AFS Intercultural Programs ... Ghana
Kyle Calderon Crain, The Putney School
Kashan Castillo, Cushing Academy
Destiny Chavez, Phillips Academy
Eveline Duran, Ignatian Educational Network ... Chile
Taylor Eason, Northfield Mount Hermon
Jose Gomez, Choate Rosemary Hall
Jackeline Gonzalez, Phillips Academy Center
Licheth Gonzalez, AFS Intercultural Programs ... Panama
Alicia Martinez, Putney Student Travel ... Tanzania
Faraz Petty, Cushing Academy
Anton Richardson, Cushing Academy
James Simmons, Phillips Academy Center
Monika Tisdale, Brown University
Yamila Tueros, AFS Intercultural Programs ... Panama

16 seniors were accepted and are attending 4-year colleges and universities. In total, they received over 70 acceptances to 30 schools.

$250,000

$2,240,000

In total, HighSight spent more than $250,000 in high school scholarships for the Class of 2013. With our approach, these scholars turned their high school scholarships into nearly 9 times that amount. With our approach, these scholars turned their high school scholarships into nearly 9 times that amount. With our approach, these scholars turned their high school scholarships into nearly 9 times that amount.

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