HOPE Students Serve Others this Summer

Chicago HOPE provides college scholarships and mentoring to underprivileged Chicago Public School students. We credit our 100% graduation rate to our Role Models program, which partners every student with a dedicated mentor from our board. Furthermore, the program places strong emphasis on giving back and the community wins when our students help others through service projects they organize and lead.

This newsletter features one of this year’s service projects, and exemplifies how our board engages our students to further their career goals and community service efforts.

Congratulations to our newest class of Chicago HOPE leaders: (pictured above): Jose Arevalo, Megan Chu, Davit Ksor, Renata Wojnarowska, Justyna Pasielak, and Elizabeth Guzman.

MEASURING OUR IMPACT

41 HOPE Award Recipients
41 Students paired with a Mentor
$270,350 Tuition Awarded
100% Graduation Rate
12 Service Projects Led by Students
637 Community Service Hours
On July 20, 2014 Marylyn Rogel saw her project-within-a-project ignite. She coordinated a career development event for Chicago HOPE's students.

The students worked on improving their interviewing skills by meeting dozens of professionals from different fields and ultimately walked away with two shadow days, where the professionals volunteer their time to offer an inside experience in the career field the student is pursuing.

In addition to facilitating potential internships and career opportunities, the event also benefited over 250 children at Lurie Children's Hospital. Marylyn designed the first half of the event to ‘delivering sunshine’ by creating art kits with journals for the children to use as a creative outlet during their stay.

ABC Shadow Day

Board member, Amy Moody, spearheaded a shadow day at the ABC station. Students learned firsthand from station executives across several departments, and even sat in on a live broadcast!
Davit Ksor, Class of 2018

Davit Ksor will be a freshman at U of I starting this Fall. He plans to major in physics and hopes to pursue a career in particle physics. He'd love to work at one of the national labs in America, or perhaps participate in analyzing data at the LHC otherwise known as the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva. Davit thanks Chicago Hope for providing him with his mentor Brandon Breting who's helping him during this new stage in his life, and for allowing him to meet such amazing people who serve on the board.

Christian Choy, Class of 2014

During his last semester at UIUC, Christian was awarded distinction for research he conducted pertaining to Human-Machine Interface electronics and epidermal electromyography sensors for controlling robotic prosthetic devices. In July he began working for Abbott/AbbVie Laboratories. He is one of 12 graduating students nationwide to be selected for their competitive 2014-2016 Rotational Program. Christian will be doing three 8-month rotations across the country (and hopefully abroad!) encompassing different fields of Chemical Engineering.

Megan Chu, Class of 2018

Megan will be starting her freshman year this fall at the University of Illinois. She plans on pursuing a dual degree in Accounting and Finance and becoming a certified public accountant by the time she graduates. Currently, she hopes to work at a Big Four accounting firm after college, but she's open to exploring other career paths in the business world. Over the summer, she was an intern at ADM Investor Services, a futures brokerage, working in the compliance department. She learned a lot about the futures industry and she's planning to intern there again next summer, hopefully in the accounting department!

Renita Williams, Class of 2015

Greetings from Taipei, Taiwan

My name is Renita Williams, a 2011 recipient of the Chicago Hope Scholarship. This summer, I am interning in Taipei, Taiwan as a Marketing Assistant at Ali Tech.

By donating to the Chicago Hope Foundation, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on learning the skills needed to become a better businesswoman, domestically and internationally.

Thank you for your selfless support and generosity, it doesn't go unnoticed.

-Renita Williams

Gleaming Graduates

Chicago HOPE hosted a graduation party to celebrate and congratulate this year's graduates. The milestone marks HOPE's continued success of a 100% graduation rate.