

North Lawndale College Prep H.S.

Alumni Profile



Tiffany Posey '04



(1)What university did you attend?

Denison University in Granville, Ohio

<http://www.denison.edu>



(2)What degree did you earn?

Bachelor in Educational Studies

(3)What impact did NLCP have on your life?

I feel that going to NLCP gave me a wide variety of exposure to new things including showing me that there is more out there in this world for me. NLCP made me want to take advantage of any positive opportunities.

(4)What specifically can you say about your NLCP experience?

NLCP gave me a diverse high school experience. Many of the things I learned socially and academically, I learned through NLCP and the Phoenix Rising program. The Phoenix Rising program changed my outlook on college, prepared me for leaving home and prepared me for life in general. In addition, my involvement with extra curricular activities helped me to occupy my time. I'm happy I had the option to be involved at NLCP, rather than just go home after school.

(5)Was NLCP essential to your success (yes or no)? Yes

(6)If yes – why and how?

Yes because I could have easily been looked over if I was at a different high school.

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Alberto Lara '05



(1) What university do you attend?

Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota
<http://www.carleton.edu>



(2) What degree will you earn?

I will earn a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

(3) What impact did NLCP have on your life?

NLCP defined my life. The impact was and is so great. Even though the evidence is clear and overwhelming, I do not think I can provide a fair assessment of the dedication and talent the people that sustain North Lawndale College Prep possess. There are mainly two things I want to say in regards to NLCP's impact on my life. First, I am grateful to have the opportunity to attend Carleton—a rigorous liberal arts college in the Midwest—from which I will graduate in less than two months. What is so special about my experience is the process by which I came to love Carleton but most importantly how I got here. The odds of me graduating from Carleton were almost nonexistent before I became a student at North Lawndale, where my moral and civic character was developed, and intellectual curiosity fostered and challenged. There I learned for the first time that I too had the opportunity to attend college, that my mother's immigrant struggle and our economic limitation were not legitimate reasons not to attend college.

(4) What specifically can you say about your NLCP experience?

At NLCP, I was enriched with inspiration, commitment and academic dedication, pillars to success which I have embraced. The students, the staff and the teachers all united to help me attend college. At NLCP I was both granted awards and given the opportunity to participate in the following programs: Phoenix Rising, a summer at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., National Honor Society membership, AP Government Class with Ms. Bass, and successfully completed the Senior Project on the federal legislation Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (The "DREAM Act").

(5) Was NLCP essential to your success (yes or no)? Yes. Absolutely, no doubt about it.

(6) If yes – why and how?

My experience at Carleton has been both challenging and rewarding, but I truly believe that I would never have placed foot on this campus if it were not for North Lawndale College Prep. I can sincerely say that I owe NLCP my academic success. North Lawndale Prep's rigorous academic curriculum in the humanities made college transition easier. The daily doses of motivation and respect I received inspired me.

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Shawana Smith '05



(1)What university do you attend?

Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL

<http://www.eiu.edu>



(2)What degree did you earn?

I will earn a Bachelor in Consumer Sciences Spring 2009

(3)What impact did NLCP have on your life?

NLCP has had a positive impact on my life. NLCP has helped me reach new heights with all of the support they have given me throughout my high school and college endeavors. NLCP has helped me learn to be distinctive and different. Due to my experiences at NLCP, I was able to distinguish myself from other students with the programs that I was able to participate in such as Phoenix Rising, College Bridge and attending Phillips Exeter Academy. These experiences helped me become the great student-athlete that I am today.

(4)What specifically can you say about your NLCP experience?

In a nutshell, NLCP made me think outside the box. While at NLCP, I was able to visit various colleges to get a feel for what wanted out of a college. These college visits equipped me with the tools to me to better gauge my higher education options.

(5)Was NLCP essential to your success (yes or no)? Definitely yes

(6)If yes – why and how?

Because I was involved in so many college readiness programs, I would say that my entire NLCP experience was most essential to my current college success.

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Whitney Smith '06



(1)What university do you attend?

Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota

<http://www.carleton.edu>



(2)What degree will you earn?

I will earn a Bachelor in International Relations Political Science with a concentration in Africa American Studies

(3)What impact did NLCP have on your life?

I think that NLCP had a tremendous impact on my life in the way that the teachers and the administration were able to work together to create a family atmosphere. For some kids, this was all the family they had. Administrators and teachers at NLCP worked tirelessly to instill in us that we were a unit, all operating toward the same goal (graduation from high school and college). It was as if once inside the wall of NLCP we were held to higher expectations and in higher regard; we were allowed to express ourselves as kids, individuals, but also as budding intellectuals, civil servants, scientists etc. In short, NLCP taught me the importance of creating an atmosphere/environment of love and learning, as well as providing me with an education and curriculum dedicated to teaching the fundamentals.

(4)What specifically can you say about your NLCP experience?

The thing I most often say of my NLCP experience is that I am grateful to it for the exposure it provided. Through the programs NLCP offered, I was able to visit different places and encounter different cultures, people, and life styles. I benefited each year from my participation in the Phoenix Rising program so much so that I have remained in contact with many of the people I met—including the people that I met while studying at Harvard University. My participation in Mikva Challenge was also instrumental to me.

(5)Was NLCP essential to your success (yes or no)? Yes

(6)If yes – why and how?

I would say that NLCP was very instrumental in my success because during my time there the people I met and the knowledge I gained not only helped me develop academically but personally as well-- which is the test of a truly outstanding school. It was also during my time at NLCP that I learned and internalized the importance of being accountable for my actions and destiny. This is something that remains very important to me and instrumental in the way I live my life.

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Tashannia Profit '07



(1)What university do you attend?

Miami University of Ohio

<http://www.muohio.edu/>



(2)What degree will you earn?

I will earn a Bachelor of Science in Education
Middle Childhood Education, Teacher Education
Concentration in Mathematics and Science

(3)Any special certifications or licenses?

I will earn teaching certifications when I graduate

(4)What impact did NLCP have on your life?

There are no words to truly describe the impact that North Lawndale has had on my life; but it is accurate to say that it has had a very positive impact. I say positive impact because the people at NLCP allowed me to discover my full potential and find my hidden talents. They helped prepare me for the many obstacles that I encountered on my journey, and they challenged me to think outside the box. One thing I can truly say is that NLCP cares about its graduates because even after you have graduated from the school, they are still there 100% to see you succeed in life.

(5)What specifically can you say about your NLCP experience?

The experiences I encountered throughout my four years at North Lawndale were unbelievable. Being at NLCP was like having a second family. We laugh and cried as a family. Being at NLCP, I've learned so many things that I can cherish and use later in life. The staff at NLCP have taught me leadership skills and how to build good, reliable networks. Examples of this approach are through my Phoenix Rising experiences and senior project. Also, my experiences of attending leadership programs and student teaching, greatly prepared me for my goal of attending a great college that was right for me.

(6)Was NLCP essential to your success (yes or no)? Definitely yes

(6A)If yes – why and how?

NLCP was essential to my success thus far because the staff walked behind me and challenged me to get out of my comfort zone by taking the risky path of going to college--attending a predominately white school. I can say that NLCP accomplished their part in preparing me for college success. The support from teachers and the culture of caring allowed me to achieve everything I set my mind to. If I had the choice of rewinding my life, I would want to experience it all again.