

NORTH LAWDALE COLLEGE PREP PHOENIX RISING REPORT 2009

PROGRAM & SCHOOL MISSION

The Phoenix Rising Summer Program is an opportunity for North Lawndale College Prep (NLCP) students to participate in three consecutive summers of off-site enrichment experiences at leadership development programs, academic and pre-college programs and internship programs. Phoenix Rising is a key building block in fulfilling the school's mission to "prepare young people from under-resourced communities for graduation from high school with the academic skills and personal resilience necessary for successful completion of college."

The mission of Phoenix Rising is:

- to connect students with enrichment opportunities that may have otherwise been unavailable to them.
- to complement the academically rigorous school-year program.
- to develop leadership and academic skills that can be applied both inside and outside of the classroom.
- to enhance college readiness.
- to offer students experiences that will give them a competitive edge when they begin the college admission and scholarship application processes.
- to prepare families for their children's ultimate departure for college by providing multiple opportunities to practice the absence of their children from the family system.

The Phoenix Rising program is a vital part of a student's experience at NLCP and greatly contributes to the mission of NLCP. The school profile and more information about Phoenix Rising are available at www.nlcphs.org.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SUMMER 2009

**A RECORD NUMBER OF 175 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE PHOENIX RISING SUMMER PROGRAM IN 2009.
STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN 41 LEADERSHIP, ACADEMIC, ART AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS
SPANNING 13 STATES.**

Some highlights of the summer included:

- 20 students participated in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs, including programs geared towards students who are traditionally under-represented in these fields.
- NLCP students have attended the Students Today Leaders Forever (STLF) Summer Leadership Camp for the past three summers. NLCP and STLF expanded program offerings by having 24 rising sophomores participate in the STLF "Pay It Forward Tour." The tour included college visits, community service projects and leadership development activities in Wisconsin and Illinois.
- Rising sophomore Latecia Woolfork carried the torch, continuing NLCP's participation in the Junior Paleontologist Program, a unique opportunity which included paleontology fieldwork in South Dakota.
- After taking a hiatus for a few years, NLCP students once again participated in programs at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and Davidson College in North Carolina. These programs renewed their commitment with scholarship offerings which made participation possible!
- Rising senior Kayla Jones participated in an internship at a law firm through the Rotary Job I. She was the recipient of a \$2,500 scholarship.
- 17 students participated in the Kingian Nonviolence Training based on the principles and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The students were equipped with skills to teach peace and resolve conflicts in the NLCP community.
- 10 students ventured out *on their own*, including students who traveled by plane to attend three-week programs in New York and North Carolina.
- Rising junior Kenyatta Brown participated in the Andover (MS)2 Program. She will graduate from the program next summer.

2009 PROGRAM PARTNERS

Associated Colleges of Illinois College Readiness Program, Palos Heights, IL ♣
Adler Planetarium Internship & Summer Technology Program, Chicago, IL ♣
Bradley University Nursing Summer Enrichment Program, Peoria, IL
Columbia College High School Summer Institute, Chicago, IL ♣
Davidson College July Experience, Davidson, NC ♣
Denison University Reynolds Young Writers Workshop, Granville, OH ♣
Elmhurst College Summer Academy in Math & Science, Elmhurst, IL ♣
Entreenuity Summer Business Camp at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL ♣
Girl/Friends, Chicago, IL ♣
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Illinois Wesleyan University Accounting Leaders of Tomorrow, Bloomington, IL ♣
Illinois Wesleyan University College Quest, Bloomington, IL ♣
Indiana State University Summer Honors Program, Terre Haute, IN
Indiana University Kelley Junior Executive Institute, Bloomington, IN ♣
Ithaca Summer College, Ithaca, NY ♣
Kendall College Culinary Camp & Backpack to Boardroom, Chicago, IL ♣
Kingian Nonviolence Training, Chicago, IL
Legacy International Global Youth Village, Bedford, VA ♣
LifeRide Youth Leadership Camp, Lacon, IL
Lookingglass Theatre Company Summer Camp, Chicago, IL ♣
Milwaukee School of Engineering Summer Program, Milwaukee, WI ♣
Mikva Challenge Summer Government & Leadership Internship Program, Chicago, IL ♣
North Central College Junior/Senior Scholars Program, Naperville, IL ♣
Northern Illinois University Creative Writing Camp, DeKalb, IL
Northwestern University Civic Leadership Institute, Chicago, IL ♣
Phillips Academy Andover (MS)2 Program, Andover, MA ♣
Phillips Exeter Academy Summer School, Exeter, NH ♣
Project Exploration Junior Paleontologist Program, Chicago, IL & Hot Springs, SD ♣
Rotary Job I Summer Internship Program, Chicago, IL ♣
Spelman College Prep Institute, Atlanta, GA
Sports Challenge Leadership & Education Alliance, Middletown, DE ♣
Students Today Leaders Forever Pay It Forward Tour, Madison, WI, Milwaukee, WI & Chicago, IL
Students Today Leaders Forever Summer Leadership Camp, Fayette, IA ♣
TEACH College Prep (Illinois State University), Chicago, IL ♣
Umoja Community Builders, Chicago, IL ♣
University of Illinois Talented 25 Program, Chicago, IL ♣
University of Illinois Discover Engineering, Urbana, IL ♣
University of Illinois GAMES Summer Camp, Urbana, IL ♣
University of Wisconsin College Access Program, Madison, WI ♣
University of Wisconsin Dance Millennium, Madison WI
University of Wisconsin LEAD, Stevens Point, WI

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2009 PROGRAM FUNDERS

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Many generous donors who attended the Phoenix Rising fundraising event on May 9, 2009
“A Summer of Opportunity — A World of Change”

Many program partners who provided significant funding for students

THANK YOU FROM STUDENTS AND PARENTS OUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

I appreciate your interest in me and my education. —Marcelle, Class of 2010

I enjoyed my trip. I'm really happy that I got a chance to experience life at a university. —Armani, Class of 2011

Thank you. I gained different skills to express myself through dance. —Briana, Class of 2011

“You have sown an awesome seed and everyone in my reach will reap this harvest.” —Delvin, Class of 2011

I'm grateful for this opportunity to better prepare me for college. I had a great time learning new skills. —Richard, Class of 2011

You didn't waste your money! —Ashley, Class of 2010

Thanks for giving me an experience that a lot of people dream to have. —Precious, Class of 2012

I highly appreciate your generosity. You gave me a chance to have a life changing experience. —Jsarques, Class of 2011

Thanks for making my life better. The program made me a new leader. —Cameron, Class of 2012

This opportunity gave me some valuable knowledge that will be with me into the future. —KeeAna, Class of 2011

What I learned was very helpful. Now I notice a lot of things I didn't before. —Lanesha, Class of 2011

*This program changed my life and my view on life. If I could thank you with ten thousand tongues I couldn't thank you enough.
—Nick, Class of 2011*

I learned to let my child go. It was difficult at first, but it's preparation for when he leaves for college. —Parent, Class of 2010

My son got to serve and help other people. The feeling in return was unbelievable. —Parent, Class of 2012

My daughter got to experience college unlike most people in our family. Thank you. —Parent, Class of 2012

This program provided growth opportunities for both of us. It began the moment we said “See you in a week” to the opportunity to check in on the phone, to finally hearing about the awesome time she had. —Parent, Class of 2012

For more information about the Phoenix Rising Summer Program, contact Liz Kuhn at (773) 542-1490
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