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On behalf of the entire Horizons for Youth community, thank you for your support this year! You have helped our students have a truly amazing 2014!

We greatly appreciate your consideration of a year-end gift. Click [HERE](#) to help us end 2014 on a strong note!

Thanks for your generosity during this holiday season!

Road to College: Q&A Session with Alumni



This week, we were thrilled to welcome back several old friends for a special holiday dinner! After getting a chance to catch up, these recent Horizons for Youth graduates gave our Class of 2015 some invaluable advice. Here are some of the highlights:

"Focus on your strengths and always plan one step ahead." - **Chelsea, junior, Knox College**

"Find an outlet and get involved."
- **Yasmine, Wesleyan, Class of '14**

"Never be afraid to ask for help."
- **Mario, sophomore,
Harold Washington College**

December Outing: Ice-Skating!



Last weekend, we celebrated one of the most exciting Monthly Enrichment Outings of the year: our Annual Holiday Skate! As one of the only outings that includes the entire elementary student population on the same day, this event is a favorite among both students and mentors.

On Sunday, students and their Big Siblings arrived at Ridgeland Commons in Oak Park and enjoyed an hour on the ice at the recently renovated facility. After pizza and snacks, our students had the opportunity to meet Santa Claus and received presents through the generosity of BOMA Chicago and optionsXpress by Charles Schwab.

"I got a Lego helicopter from Santa, exclaimed Camrin (pictured below), a first grade student. "My mentor, Brian, is going to help me put it together next week."



"Don't procrastinate, and take responsibility during the application process."

- **Bolu, freshman, Carleton College**

"Have a positive attitude and learn how to prioritize."

- **Jamarius, freshman, Ball State University**

"Get to know your professors and always be prepared for the unexpected."

- **Lexus, sophomore, Howard University**

"Take time to identify and utilize all of the many on-campus sources of support."

- **Richard, freshman, University of Illinois-Chicago**

"Identify opportunities to make a difference and stay involved with those causes."

- **Natali, sophomore, Dominican University**

"Listen to Ashley during the application process, and take complete ownership of your education."

- **Ronisha, freshman, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale**

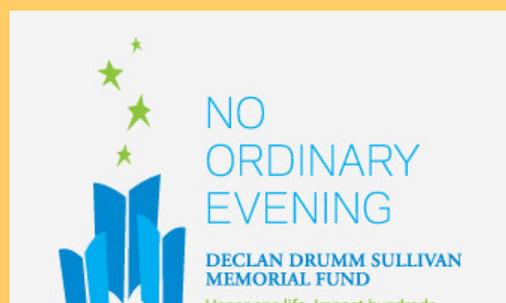
Thanks to all of our alumni for coming to share their stories with our soon-to-be college students! We wish them all continued success!

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"I did really good this year," added Camrin, referring to his time on the ice. "Next year, I'm pretty sure I won't need any help at all."

After another successful skating outing, all of our students, including Camrin, are already looking forward to next year's visit.

College Corner



While holiday vacation is within sight, the seven high school seniors of Horizons for Youth are taking no breaks from working hard on their college applications.

Here's an update on the accomplishments to date of our Class of 2015:

- Received 25 acceptances to schools including Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan State, Butler, Bradley, Missouri, Augustana, Illinois State, Dominican, and Western Illinois, among others
- Awarded \$74,142 in total scholarships per year, with more forthcoming.

Preparing our students for college does not stop with the applications process. Our personalized, comprehensive services also include preparing our students for interviews, essays, public speaking, dressing for success, and much more.

We'll keep you updated as the good news continues to roll in!

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