



## VIPs at CIW



As part of our ongoing partnership with Chicago Ideas Week (CIW), Horizons for Youth was specially chosen for a unique group session with Hakeem Oluseyi, an astrophysicist, educator, and inventor, who has also served as a TV host for the Science Channel, the Discovery Channel, and National Geographic.

Dr. Oluseyi spoke with five of our students for nearly an hour about his journey to become one of the top astrophysicists in the country and one of the most respected and innovative scientific minds of his generation. Our students also benefitted from his story about having to overcome his initial lack of preparedness for college and graduate school due to his deficiencies in math.

The once-in-a-lifetime nature of this opportunity was not lost on our students, who asked intelligent questions and remained completely engaged throughout the entirety of the session. Horizons for Youth sophomore student Gabe said: "[Dr. Oluseyi] has an incredible story of overcoming adversity. After the session, I let him know how inspired I was, and he told me that my story can end up the same way as long as I stick with it."

The students of Horizons for Youth were not the only ones who treasured the experience—in fact, it was Dr. Oluseyi whose excitement led him to extend the session to nearly twice its scheduled running time! A public relations representative in attendance with Dr. Oluseyi remarked that our students were some of the most impressive that she has ever met, adding that she was in awe of our students' enthusiasm and eagerness to explore such challenging topics.

It's not the first time we have been told how amazing our students are, but we certainly never tire of hearing it!

**Save the Dates!**

## 3rd Annual Notre Dame Football Outing!



On a picture-perfect fall Saturday, 25 Horizons for Youth students had the opportunity to take in an incredible college football game-day experience at the University of Notre Dame.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Notre Dame Football Outing included one extra special surprise: a pregame visit inside Notre Dame Stadium! Accompanied by former ND All-American running back Reggie Brooks, our students had the chance to play catch on the field, pose for pictures, and even try on some of the equipment!

Thanks to the generous support of OMI Industries, our lucky students—joined by mentors, parents, and Horizons for Youth staff—enjoyed a chartered bus ride from Chicago to South Bend, a traditional tailgate, a campus bookstore gift card, and tickets to the game to watch the Fighting Irish triumph over the Tar Heels of North Carolina.

This special event also received some significant media coverage. Click on the links below to learn about the story behind this annual trip, and to see just how much fun our students had this weekend.

WNDU NBC - <http://www.wndu.com/news/headlines/Declan-Sullivans-legacy-lives-on-in-Chicago-youth-278910861.html>

WSBT CBS - <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/declan-sullivans-family-help-65-kids-see-new-horizons/29072472>

The Observer - <http://ndsmcobserver.com/2014/10/horizons-for-youth-tailgatedeclan-sullivan-memorial-fund/>

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Job duties include data entry, research, event preparation, and administrative tasks. The position is unpaid; however, we encourage opportunities to earn college credit. Flexible scheduling options are available. This is an excellent opportunity for those looking for office experience with a great organization!

If interested, please contact Operations Manager Shalanda Dexter at [shalanda@horizons-for-youth.org](mailto:shalanda@horizons-for-youth.org).

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