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Prosser IB students, getting an early start on college By Lynda Lopez

"OMG so exciting!" Jennifer Alcantara exclaimed when she first found out about the Scholarship Chicago Onsite Admissions Forum. While most seniors in high school begin the college application process in November of their senior year, Prosser IB students got a head start this year. Several IB students participated in the 3rd Annual Scholarship Chicago Onsite Forum at the University of Illinois campus on October 27, 2009. In order to take part in the forum, students had to complete five college applications to Scholarship Chicago partner colleges by September 14, 2009. "I thought it sounded like a great opportunity for the IB students to get a head start on the college process," says Jessica Stephenson, Prosser IB Coordinator. "I also liked it because it forced them to work on their college essays over the summer." The event included interviews with representatives of each college on their list and a possible acceptance letter the same day. Scholarship Chicago seemed ideal for Jennifer Alcantara. "You get to have a face with the application," says Alcantara. "Not many students get to do that." Even though the forum seemed exciting, the strenuous work over the summer became an issue for some. "I definitely had trouble completing the applications under the time restraint," says Richardson. "College is often the last thing on your mind during summer." Others faced additional problems with their applications. "Some colleges on my list did not have their applications available until the middle of September so I could not work on them during the summer," says Kristine Confesor. Despite the occasional stress and obvious time commitment that is involved, Confesor recommends it for future students. "It is your chance to get a head start and focus more on enjoying your senior year." At the event, Prosser IB student received several college acceptances and additional scholarships and college travel grants. Carol Sharp, Students Program Manager at Scholarship Chicago, recognized the success of Prosser IB students and encourages Prosser students to participate next year. "We look forward to having an even larger Prosser IB group next year!"



Principal for a Day! On October 29, 2009, several special guests came to Prosser as part of Principal for a Day. Makhira Warren and Antonio Delgado were two Prosser IB Seniors chosen to represent the IB program at the event. "I felt great presenting to the people, they seemed very interested in the program and wanted to learn more about it," says Makhira Warren. "I felt nervous at first but then the interest came in and it seemed that I was just talking to friends after a while." Antonio Delgado also shared some of the same feelings. "I honestly felt I was going to ruin the presentation with stuttering, or my mind would go blank while talking," he says. Delgado says it was one of the first times he had spoken at an event like this and that he felt proud serving as an advocate for the IB program. "IB Program has helped me become a more mature person. I know what I want in life because of it and it felt good to tell others about it too."

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