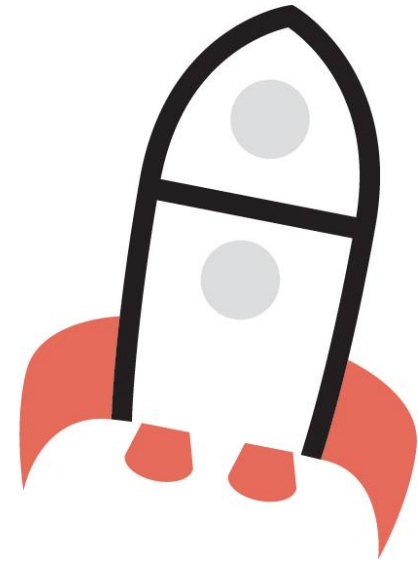


# Launch



**Welcome CPS Scholars & Parents!**  
Orientation



June 17, 2010

**Chicago Scholars**  
thanks Vice Provost  
**Gerald Doyle** for hosting this  
event and **Denise Peters** for  
welcoming us to campus!

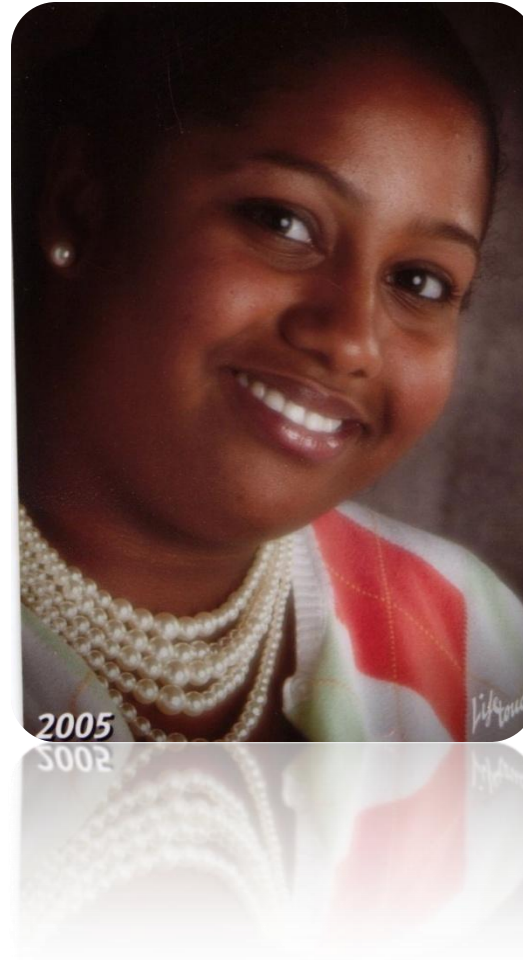


**DREAM IIT**

**IL Institute of  
Technology**

**ITT Senior &  
Chicago Scholar  
Class of 2011**

**Sandra  
Menezes**



# Bernard McCune

**Deputy Director**



# Barbara Karpouzian

**Director, Secondary School  
Counseling**

**Department of College &  
Career Preparation**



# Our Mission: To Launch Talented Students into Good Fit Colleges!

Significant under-matching - ~ 3000  
CPS graduates qualify for very  
selective and selective colleges –  
only 23 % enroll

Considerable short term implications  
of under matching-including higher  
out-of-pocket costs,  
underperformance, and lower  
graduation rates

Under-matching talented kids is a  
loss of human potential and future  
economic growth for Chicago

Considerable long term implications  
of under matching – dropping out of  
college, underemployment, lost  
dreams & talents

Benefits of matching support  
performance. The number one  
driver of economic development:  
college degrees!

# Choosing a College



## MATCH

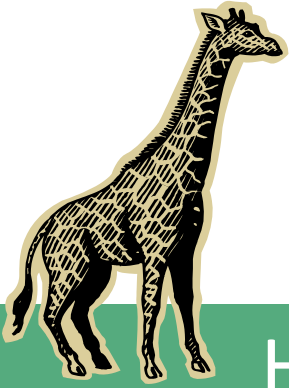
- GPA
- ACT
- High school course work

Factors that qualify you for a selective or highly selective college

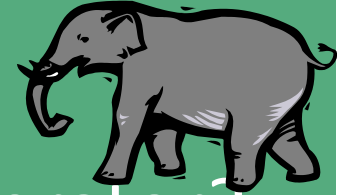
## FIT

- Where YOU fit in!
  - Learning style
  - Majors offered
  - Activities on campus
  - Urban, suburban
  - Small private or large state
  - A place to grow and challenge yourself to fulfill your life and career goals

# Are You Ready for College?!



How do you fit a giraffe in the refrigerator?

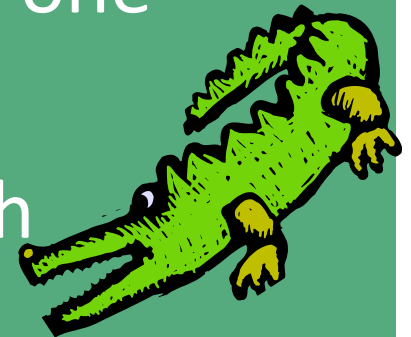


How do you fit an elephant in the refrigerator?

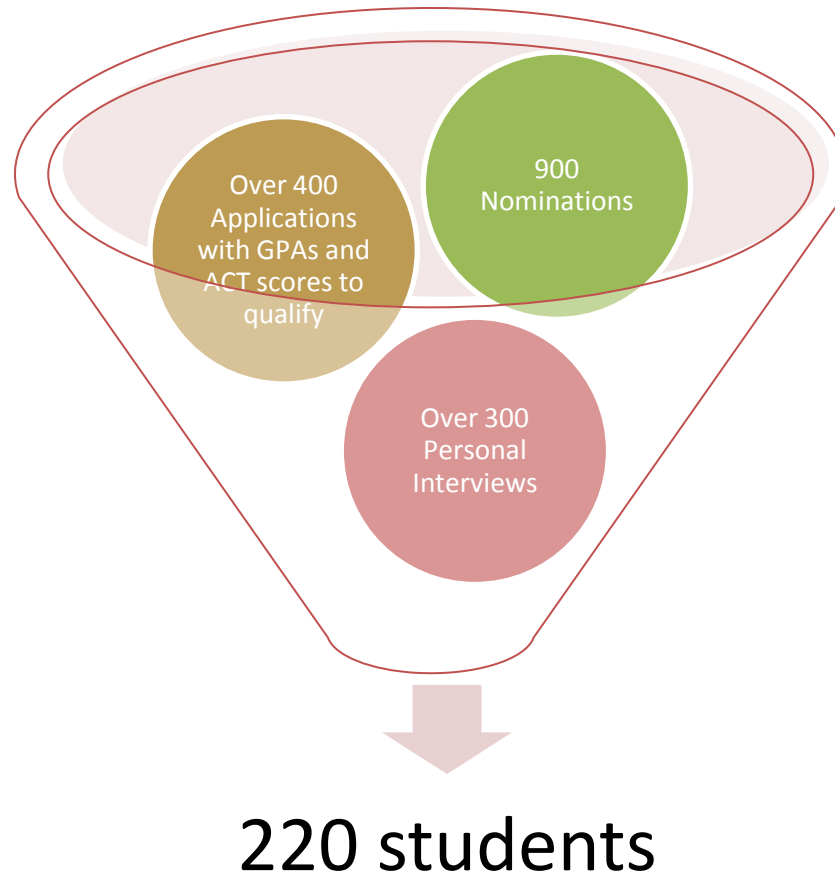


The Lion King has called all the animals together for a meeting. What is the one animal that does not attend?

- You have to cross the river filled with crocodiles, how do you get across?



# CPS Direct Launch: A Highly Competitive Program



# Launch Provides You with Expertise and Access to Resources!



- Launch is an accelerated college access program for academically ambitious, determined students who are qualified to attend selective & highly selective colleges!

- Summer Program consists of:
  - 2 personalized college counseling sessions
  - 5 workshops during the summer
- By mid September
  - 5 college applications
- On October 26<sup>th</sup>
  - We bring colleges to you!

# Counseling & Workshop Schedule



- One-on-One Counseling with Specialists\*
  - June 21-24
  - July 26-29

All of these sessions are held at the offices of Chicago Scholars located at 55 East Jackson Blvd, 10<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Chicago IL 60604

312/784-3300

- College Power Networking (July 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Tackling the College Application & Essay (August 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Essay Completion (August 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Financial Aid Strategies (TBD)
- Interview strategies & practice (October 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Onsite Admissions Forum (October 26 & 27)

# Scholar Participation & Expectations

## Organized Sessions:

- Attend One-one-One Counseling Sessions
- Attend 5 workshops
- Complete 5 college applications on time
- Promptly return emails and phone calls!
- Attend Onsite College Admissions Forum

## Homework:

- Between sessions, research colleges
- Work on your college application and personal essays
- Communicate with your Specialist, Counselors and Coaches
- Talk to your parents!

# Parent Role & Expectations

- Read over the parent binder
- Support your scholar's attendance (okay, nag them if necessary)
- Ask questions about student's experience
- Be open-minded about college choice opportunities

- Yes, you may attend the One-on-One session in July!
- Yes, you may attend a workshops!
- Yes, you may attend the Onsite Admissions Forum!
- Yes, you are important to the success of Launch!

# Other Important Issues

- Binders – Bring with you to every session!
- [www.chicagoscholars.org](http://www.chicagoscholars.org)
- Naviance  
[account@https://succeed.naviance.com/signin.php](https://succeed.naviance.com/signin.php)



# Cohorts

Students are grouped in communities called “cohorts”

- Between 18 and 25 students
- Organized by Location & by High School

Each Cohort is supported by a college counseling specialist and a team of 2-4 counselors & coaches



Specialist

Counselor & Coaches

Parents & Guardians

Chicago Scholars



# Scholar Process & Chicago Scholars Onsite Admissions Forum

- The Onsite Forum is a unique opportunity for Chicago's scholars to begin the college admissions process early!
- About 50% of colleges offer onsite admission
- Highly selective and most selective colleges offer personal interviews to scholars
- Stream event live on our website/parents can attend: October 26<sup>th</sup>
- Not a traditional college fair! Admission officers have read student files before they arrive
- Benefits for Scholars and Families:

**Less  
stress!**

**Match &  
Fit  
achieved**

**Personal  
experience**

**Expand  
college  
options!**

**Prestigious**

**Financial  
aid  
options**

**Still have  
plenty of  
time**

# Chicago Scholars Onsite Uniquely Positioned to Serve

## Most, Very Selective & Selective Students

Albion College  
Boston College  
Boston University Carleton College  
Bradley  
Colby  
Colgate  
Columbia College  
Colorado College  
DePaul  
DePauw  
Elmhurst  
George Washington University  
Grinnell  
Harvard College  
Hope College  
IL State  
IIT  
IL Wesleyan University  
Indiana  
Knox College  
Lake Forest  
Lawrence  
Lewis  
Loyola University

Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Marquette College  
Michigan State  
Monmouth  
Ohio Northern  
Ripon College  
Roosevelt University  
Southern IL  
Syracuse  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas  
University of Arizona  
University of Dayton  
UIC  
University of Chicago  
University of IL at Urbana  
University of Minnesota  
University of Missouri  
University of Pennsylvania  
Vanderbilt University  
Williams College

Confirmed participants as of  
June 17, 2020



# College & Scholarship Resources

[www.chicagoscholars.org](http://www.chicagoscholars.org)



## Research Universities

- [College Access Network](#)- Find college resources and financial scholarships.
- **NEW!** College Power Bulletin ( [Download 382KB](#)) - Find out about the positive impact that obtaining a college degree can have over your lifetime.
- [Common Application](#) - Download the Common Application for undergraduate college admissions.
- [The Education Trust](#) - Obtain 4-year and 6-year college graduation rates, compare universities, and understand admissions requirements.

## Understand Financial Aid

- **Black Excel**- <http://www.blackexcel.org>
- [EconCouncil.org](#) - The Economic Awareness Council is a one-stop shop about anything related to money and or finance.
- [Education Planner](#)- Calculate your financial aid at any college based on your family income.
- [LadderUP](#) - A terrific website about the ins and outs of FAFSA.
- [Project Student Debt](#) - Get the latest data and information about student loans and debt.

## Obtain Scholarships

- **The Scholarship Resource Network**- <http://www.srnexpress.com/index.cfm>
- **Fast Web** - Find an endless array of financial scholarships for college.
- [NACAC](#), Application Fee Waiver Request Form- Download, [here](#)
- The Tom Joyner Foundation - [Full-ride Scholarship to HBCU](#)

# Myths



- State schools are the cheapest alternatives
- My student won't be comfortable going to a college far away or to a college where he/she doesn't know anyone
- The east coast is farther away than the University of IL at Urbana-Champaign
- We can't afford a "fancy college"

# Real Scholars – Real \$



Class	Total aid for		Avg.	Avg.
2009-2009	class	Avg. COA	aid/student	debt/student
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,388,425</b>	<b>\$34,383</b>	<b>\$23,727</b>	<b>8,245</b>

COA: Cost of Attendance which includes tuition, room & board, books, fees, transportation and living expenses

## What one student has to say:

“Don’t be intimidated by sticker shock. Invest in yourself. It’s worth it. You might think ‘Oh man, you got all those loans.’ Trust me. It washes out.”

“My advice, don’t grow up too fast. Try to think about tomorrow. Don’t live in the now. The biggest out of pocket expense is living costs. So work and save your money.”

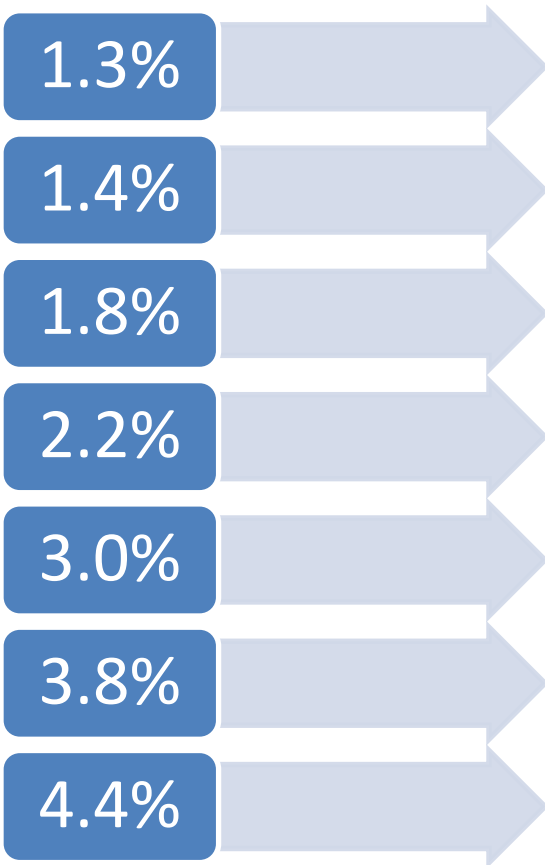
**Jeffery Stephens**, grew up between Ida B. Wells and Brainard. He is a 2007 gradate of Notre Dame and a 2010 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis Law School



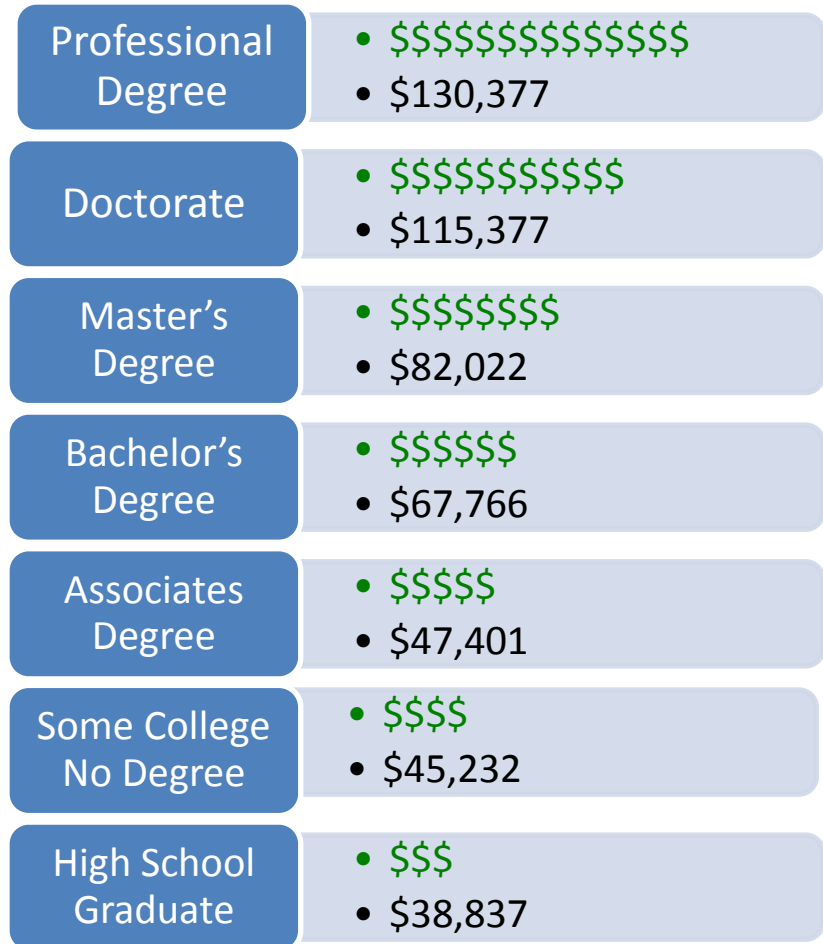
# Education Pays



## Typical Unemployment Rate



## Average Earnings by Type of Degree





# CLOSING REMARKS CATHERINE MAYFIELD

CHICAGO SCHOLAR  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 2010

# Welcome to LAUNCH Orientation!



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Your 1-on-1 Counseling Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Monday, June 21, 1-1:45 pm

Your 1-on-1 Counseling Specialist: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick Tassoni

## Supporting Materials Status

Please submit **unchecked items** as soon as possible!

- Transcript
- ACT scores
- Scholar Agreement
- Naviance "Game Plan" Survey Complete



## Please check your Launch Orientation Card

1. CONFIRM YOUR APPOINTMENT FOR ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING WITH MOLLY AT [MWHYBROW@CHICAGOSCHOLARS.ORG](mailto:MWHYBROW@CHICAGOSCHOLARS.ORG)
2. COME TO YOUR FIRST COUNSELING SESSION WITH AN INITIAL LIST OF COLLEGES
3. COMPLETE YOUR STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE ON NAVIANCE

# Congratulations & Welcome to Launch

