

March 25, 2010

Dear Counselors:

In 2006, Chicago Scholars established an annual award to recognize the outstanding contributions of college counselors. We understand that helping teenagers find the right college campus is a labor of love performed by dedicated professionals. We appreciate your efforts to shape a better future, one scholar at a time.



I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your hard work in supporting thousands of Chicago Scholars over the years and to share with you how excited we are to be working with you on this new initiative called “*Launch*.”

Launch is designed to offer you an unparalleled professional development opportunity aimed at building counseling skills in support of students qualified to attend highly selective colleges. *Launch* will also provide you with opportunities for professional mentoring from College Counseling Specialists and workshops that allow you to build relationships with a national array of college admissions officers from selective and highly selective institutions.

Launch is also an opportunity for practical, hands-on experience working with 250 CPS students nominated by you to participate in summer workshops leading up to the Chicago Scholars Onsite Admission Forum held in October.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire team at Chicago Scholars, thank you for this opportunity to serve you and your kids. Together, we can build the platform to boost college graduation rates by closing the “match gap.”

I look forward to meeting with each of you in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Karen'.

Cc: Ron Huberman
Jerusha Rodgers
Bernard McCune
Barb Karpouzian
Patrick Milton
CS Board