



Perspectives Charter Schools

Perspectives-Calumet in Auburn Gresham

• March 2010 Progress Update •

Less than four years ago, Perspectives Charter Schools moved into Chicago's Auburn Gresham neighborhood and opened three small schools inside of the former Calumet High School. The Perspectives family has worked diligently to improve the educational experience for youth in that community. We have merged high academic expectations in a College for Certain environment, with an ethics-based curriculum in A Disciplined Life© – and have created a supportive and safe learning environment for students, conducive to serious study and critical thought.

This spring we will proudly graduate our first class of students from Perspectives Calumet.

College for Certain

Perspectives projects that 100% of our Perspectives Calumet High School and High School of Technology seniors will graduate this year, and of those, 95% are expected to attend college next fall. More than 70% of the class has already been accepted to at least one college. Nearly all the college attendees will be first generation college students.

Perspectives projects a near 75% graduation rate for students who attended one of the Calumet high schools over the past four years. While Perspectives aims to attain 100% graduation rates, and 100% college attendance, we are happy that we are improving the educational outcomes for students in Auburn Gresham, where the previous graduation rate in 2004 was 35% over five years, and where few graduates went to college.

Entrance into college is only a beginning. While only 8% of high school freshman in the Chicago Public Schools graduate from college by the age of 25, currently, 78% of Perspectives alumni from our Rodney D. Joslin campus are still in college after their third year.

To date, seniors have been accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Adrian College · Alabama A&M University · Alabama State University · Ashford University · Ball State University · Beloit College · Bennett College · Bowling Green State University · Bradley University · Central Michigan University · Chicago State University · Clark Atlanta University · Coe College · College of St. Francis · Columbia College · DePaul University · Dillard University · Eastern Illinois University · Fort Valley State University · Iowa State University · Illinois State University · Indiana State University · Kentucky State University · Lake Forest College · Lane College · Loyola University-Chicago · Marquette University · Michigan State University · Michigan Technical University · Miles College · Milikin University · North Central College · Northeastern Illinois University · Northern Illinois University · Ripon College · Roosevelt University · Rust College · Saint Xavier University · Southern Illinois University-Carbondale · Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville · Tennessee State University · Tuskegee University · University of Illinois at Chicago · University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign · University of Missouri-Columbia · University of Pittsburgh · University of St. Francis · Upper Iowa University · Valparaiso University · Weber State University · Western Illinois · Xavier University of Louisiana

To date, Perspectives Calumet 2010 graduates have earned over \$1.5 million in scholarships:

Achievement Community Scholarship · Burger King Scholarship Program · Casey Family Scholars Program · College Scholarships for Students from Foster Care · Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program · CPS UNCF Scholarship · Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship · Dolores Saxton Walker Scholarship · Gates Millennium Scholarship · Jack and Jill of America Inc-Windy City Chapter · Karen Lynne Harris Memorial Scholarship · KFC Colonel's Scholarship Program · National African American Insurance Association · Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship · Students for Students Scholarship · Tuskegee Airman of Chicago Scholarship · Urban Ventures · Wentcher Foundation Scholarship · Zeta Phi Beta Diamond Dove Scholarship