

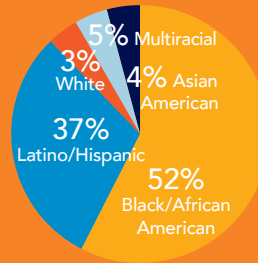
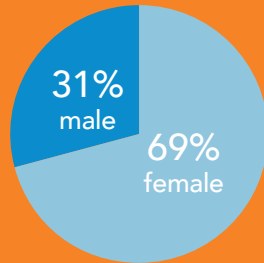


# EVANSTON SCHOLARS

FOUNDED IN 2011, EVANSTON SCHOLARS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IMPROVES COLLEGE ACCESS AND SUCCESS FOR A DIVERSE GROUP OF AMBITIOUS EVANSTON STUDENTS WHO ARE PRIMARILY FIRST-GENERATION, LOW-INCOME, AND STUDENTS OF COLOR.

WHO WE SERVE **117** COLLEGE SCHOLARS **67** HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS **31** COLLEGE GRADS

OUR SIX-YEAR PROGRAM CURRENTLY SERVES 184 STUDENTS FROM 11TH GRADE THROUGH COLLEGE GRADUATION



84% Pell Eligible

83% First in their families to graduate from a 4-year university

EACH SPRING WE SELECT QUALIFIED ETHS SOPHOMORES ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

2.7 Minimum Unweighted GPA

1<sup>ST</sup> in their families to graduate from a 4-year university

Demonstrated Financial Need

Students of Color

DEMONSTRATE "PILLARS OF SUCCESS"  
• Persistence  
• Engagement  
• Resourcefulness  
• Responsibility  
• Connectedness

## OUR PROGRAM

### COLLEGE ACCESS (HIGH SCHOOL YEARS)

We work comprehensively with High School Scholars to help them identify, apply to, and enroll in a "good fit" college – one that meets their needs academically, financially, and socially.

Our curriculum includes:

- Personalized college and academic counseling
- College visits and access to pre-college and fly-in opportunities
- Standardized test preparation
- Workshops throughout junior and senior year including: *Racial, Ethnic, & Academic Identity, Kick-off to College Planning, College Application and Essay Bootcamp, College Affordability and Scholarship Opportunities, Resume and Interviewing Skills, and Budgeting for and Transitioning to College*
- Development and recognition of the Evanston Scholars Pillars of Success
- Service opportunities throughout the year including our annual program-wide day of service
- Monthly Bulletin and weekly emails



### COLLEGE SUCCESS (COLLEGE YEARS)

Our College Success team works closely with graduating High School Scholars as they transition to college and throughout their undergraduate years to ensure college persistence, academic success, and access to internships and professional development opportunities. Key hallmarks of our College Success Program are:

- Focus on Finish In Four
- Circle of Honor recognition each semester for Scholars who achieve a 3.0+ GPA
- Individual meetings prior to freshman orientation focusing on academic and financial counseling
- Regular follow-up with each Scholar about academics, finances, and college life in general, to share and promote skills essential for college success
- Peer mentoring program
- Development and recognition of the Evanston Scholars Pillars of Success
- Access to internship opportunities, resume guidance, networking, and job search assistance
- Workshops and seminars during breaks on topics including graduate school, financial literacy, campus to career, and building a professional portfolio



# OUR PROGRAM

## MENTORING

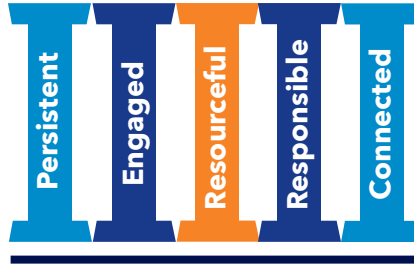
Mentors are the backbone of the Evanston Scholars support system. College-educated community members make a four-year commitment to help each Scholar enroll in and graduate from a good-fit college. **Our mentoring model is 1:1.** We equip mentors with key skills and tools that in turn enable them to support Scholars in their journeys towards College Success. In addition, each college freshman is assigned an upperclassman peer mentor, a College Scholar who also provides ongoing support.

## CIRCLE OF HONOR RECOGNITION






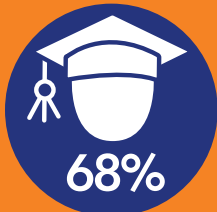
Strong high school grades are the greatest predictor of college success, so we recognize and celebrate Scholars' academic excellence. Each semester High School Scholars earning all A's and B's and College Scholars earning a 3.0 or higher GPA are recognized as part of the Evanston Scholars Circle of Honor.

## PILLARS OF SUCCESS

At Evanston Scholars, we believe in five qualities that are essential for success in college and in life. Throughout our six-year program, we encourage Scholars to recognize and develop the Pillars of Success in themselves and see them as vital components in their journey to and through college.



# OUR IMPACT

 <p>Average points <b>increase</b> in SAT score following the SAT Preparation Course (avg. SAT score 1056)</p>	 <p>Average number of <b>college applications</b> submitted</p>	 <p>Evanston Scholars who started college <b>are still enrolled</b></p>
 <p>Receive <b>debt-free financial aid covering full tuition</b> (institutional, federal and state)</p>	 <p>Average <b>debt-free financial aid</b> per student over 4 years of college</p>	 <p><b>College graduation rate</b> for Evanston Scholars' first 3 co-horts (national graduation rate for low-income, first-generation students is 11%)</p>

# WHERE EVANSTON SCHOLARS ATTEND COLLEGE



- Amherst College
- Arrupe College
- Augustana College (3)
- Baldwin Wallace University
- Boston College
- Bowling Green State University
- Bradley University (4)
- Carleton College
- Clark Atlanta University
- Colgate University
- Columbia University
- Denison University
- DePaul University (3)
- Dominican University (3)
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elon University (2)
- Hampton University
- Hope College (2)
- Howard University (2)
- Illinois State University (2)
- Iowa State University
- Kent State University (2)
- Kirkwood Community College
- Knox College (2)
- Lake Forest College (3)
- Lawrence University (2)
- Lehigh University
- Lewis University
- Marquette University
- Milliken University
- Morgan State University
- Northern Illinois University (4)
- Northwestern University (3)
- Oakton Community College (5)
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Ripon College
- Sewanee – The University of the South
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- Spelman College
- St. Louis University
- St. Olaf College
- University of Illinois at Chicago (6)
- University of Illinois at Springfield (3)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (28)
- University of Iowa
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri (3)
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Redlands
- University of Southern California
- Vanderbilt University
- University of Wisconsin – Madison (3)
- Valparaiso University (3)
- Washington University in St. Louis (3)
- Wellesley College
- Western Illinois University (2)
- Western Michigan University (6)
- Wheaton College

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