



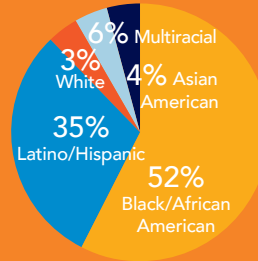
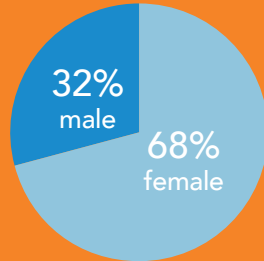
EVANSTON SCHOLARS

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

105 COLLEGE SCHOLARS 37 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS 32 HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

OUR SIX-YEAR PROGRAM CURRENTLY SERVES 174 STUDENTS FROM 11TH GRADE THROUGH COLLEGE GRADUATION



82% Qualify for free/reduced lunch

84% 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

1ST in their families to graduate from a 4-year university

Low-income

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:

- Highly 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:
- A 1:1 meeting prior to college freshman orientation focusing on academic and financial counseling
 - 1:1 meetings each semester to check in on academics, finances, and college life in general; continuous contact with each Scholar throughout the academic year to share and promote skills essential for college success
 - Ongoing contact with adult mentors and staff
 - 1:1 peer mentoring
 - Development and recognition of the Evanston Scholars Pillars of Success
 - Access to internship opportunities, resume guidance, networking, and job search assistance
 - Tuesdays in July: Weekly dinner and discussion sessions for all College Scholars
 - Monthly Bulletin and social media updates



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, tools and supports that in turn enable them to support Scholars in their journeys towards College Success. In addition, each incoming college freshman is assigned an upperclassman peer mentor, a College Scholar who also provides continual support.

CIRCLE OF HONOR RECOGNITION

Strong high school grades are the greatest predictor of college success, so we think it's really important to recognize and celebrate Scholars' academic excellence and the effort they invest in achieving it. Each semester High School Scholars earning all A's and B's and College Scholars earning a 3.0 and higher GPA are invited to join the 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 6-year program, we encourage our Scholars to recognize and develop the Pillars of Success in themselves and see them as vital components in their journey to and through college.



WHERE EVANSTON SCHOLARS ATTEND COLLEGE

- Amherst College
- Augustana College (3)
- Baldwin Wallace
- Boston College
- Bowling Green State University
- Bradley University (3)
- Carleton College
- Colgate University
- Denison University
- DePaul University (2)
- Dominican University (4)
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elon University
- Hampton University
- Hope College
- Howard University
- Illinois State University
- Kent State University (3)
- Knox College (2)
- Lake Forest College (2)
- Lawrence University (2)
- Lewis University
- Millikin University
- Morgan State University
- Northern Illinois University (4)
- Northwestern University (3)
- Oakton Community College (4)
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Purdue University Calumet
- Ripon College
- Sewanee - The University of the South
- St. Louis University
- St. Olaf College
- University of Dayton
- University of Illinois - Chicago
- University of Illinois - Springfield (3)
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (21)
- University of Iowa
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri (3)
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (2)
- Valparaiso University (3)
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington University in St. Louis (3)
- Wellesley College
- Western Illinois University (2)
- Western Michigan University
- Wheaton College

OUR IMPACT

3.2 

Average increase in ACT score following the ACT Preparation Course for the Class of 2017

10 

Average number of college applications submitted by Evanston Scholars seniors (national average is 3)

\$128K 

Average debt-free scholarship and aid per student over 4 years of college

67% 

2017 graduates receiving full-tuition scholarships

99% 

Graduating High School Scholars who matriculate to college each fall. Scholars have graduated from or currently attend 56 colleges and universities.

96% 

Evanston Scholars who are persisting in college (nationally, the graduation rate for first-generation & low-income students is 11%)

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