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## Winners Selected for Scholarships through Enhance Foundation

Each year Enhance Educational Foundation awards college scholarships to exceptional Chicago Public Schools seniors pursuing a career in science and medicine. Enhance is a not-for-profit organization committed to providing resources and funds to dedicated students in the Chicagoland area who have limited access to educational resources.

a recent graduate of Whitney Young Magnet High School. In the fall Ng will attend Butler University in Indianapolis, IN where he plans to study pharmacy and earn an MBA. The awards ceremony took place late last month at Whitney Young during which Dr. Steven Dayan, founder of Enhance, surprised Ng with his scholarship check.

The four other scholarship winners were: Tania McCallum from John Marshall High School, Maria Strus from Whitney Young Magnet High School, RaShiya Spann from Percy L. Julian High School, and Jun Liang Tan from Sullivan High School.

HEAR congratulates all the winners on this remarkable achievement.

The first place candidate in the annual scholarship contest receives a \$25,000 scholarship and the four finalists each receive a \$3,000 scholarship. For the past several years HEAR has contributed to this effort by providing a portion of the total scholarship money awarded.

This year's winner is Brandon Ng,

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Brandon Ng, surrounded by his family, holds his scholarship check

## HEAR Provides Camping Experience to Inner-City Children

HEAR has granted several thousand dollars to The Barnabas Project, an organization that supports people-focused agencies in the Chicago area, in order to send inner-city youth to a summer camp in Wisconsin. The camping program offers children from some of the most difficult of Chicago's neighborhoods the opportunity to experience the fun and challenges of camping. Many of the children in this program have never been outside their own communities, much less in a forested and peaceful environment. Among the activities will be hiking, swimming, and nature study.

The thirty-four campers vary in ages from third grade to high school and they are selected from other programs that Barnabas supports, all of which assist populations in need in inner-city Chicago. Among these programs is the Leland House, a home for abused women and their children; Leslie's Place, a first-stop-out for women leaving Illinois prisons; and the Young Men's Educational Network, which uses education as an escape for youth living in troubled neighborhoods.

HEAR hopes that the camping experience and the other new opportunities it presents to the children will lead to their growth as citizens and as individuals.

## HEAR and Leap Pair to Affect Underserved Chicago Youth



Students participate in a Language for Scholars workshop

Leap Learning Systems is a Chicago based organization that delivers language and literacy development programs to educators, students and their families across Chicago and beyond. Its efforts focus on those in underserved communities. Last year, the HEAR Foundation extended a grant to Leap Learning Systems thus initiating a relationship between the two organizations.

This summer, HEAR will help fund a three day summer language workshop for seventy-five inner city high school sophomores who receive tuition assistance from LINK Unlimited to attend private high schools.

LINK is a non-profit that provides educational services to economically disadvantaged African American youth in the Chicago area. The workshop that LINK and HEAR will jointly fund will be administered through Leap Learning Systems and will be a part of Leap's Language for

Scholars program.

The Language for Scholars (LFS) program's purpose is to professionally analyze and enhance the oral and written expression skills of students in preparation for successful academic and professional careers. Participants receive coaching from speech pathologists on verbal presentation, writing style, Academic English, business etiquette and body language.

LFS was born out of the understanding that the ability to use Academic English, and knowing when it is appropriate to use it, can broaden one's social, educational, and economic opportunities. This knowledge can expand young people's verbal effectiveness and increase their confidence beyond their immediate community. Leap has had great success with this program in the past, and HEAR is pleased to be an agent in growing the program's reach.

## Marta & Maria Update: Trips Planned to Move Sewing and Jewelry Project towards Independence

With the financial assistance from HEAR the managers of the sewing and jewelry project at Marta & Maria Girls Home, Clare Kunkel and Kim Schoonover, plan to return to Guatemala in July and November to foster the program's growth. Kunkel and Schoonover have recently named the project Hijas (meaning daughter in Spanish).

Hijas continues to work towards moving the program from donation-dependent to self-sufficient, the goal being to have the project be a dependable source of income for Marta & Maria by 2013. Currently, Hijas' standard is that each product manufactured by the girls deliver profits equivalent to an hourly rate of at least \$15.00.

A main purpose of the trips in July and November is to begin forming a business model from the program. The first phase is to train several

selected permanent residents of Marta & Maria to be teachers for the program. At the conclusion of the trips the goal is that the Marta & Maria resident teachers will be able to replicate standard sewing and jewelry items, start to finish, without assistance from teacher volunteers.

During the trips, the girls at Marta & Maria will begin making the survivor and remembrance bracelets for the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance. The Alliance chose Hijas for this task earlier this year.

Hijas is in the process of crafting a detailed business strategy and timeline in order to ensure the sustainability of the program. If successful, the sewing and jewelry program's profits will positively impact the day to day lives of the girls residing at Marta & Maria.



Girls from Marta & Maria celebrate a sewing and jewelry sale profiting over \$5,000

## HEAR Offers Scholarships through New Horizons

HEAR is partnering with New Horizons Computer Learning Centers to offer free classes to two Chicago area high school students who are pursuing a career in the IT industry or have extensive backgrounds with computers and plan to integrate the skills into their chosen career paths.

One of the recipients of the scholarship is a senior at Glenbrook South High School. The other student is from St. Joseph High School in West Chester, Illinois. St. Joseph has a mandatory laptop learning program which provides all students, teachers, and staff members with laptop computers. Another important component of this program is an in-house computer repair lab where students learn the inner workings of their computers. HEAR, New Horizons, and the Director of Technology at St. Joseph are collaborating to develop the most effective curriculum and to properly place each student recipient.

New Horizons is working to customize courses based on each student's previous experience and desired skill set. Completing this program successfully allows the students an opportunity to be certified as an MCSE (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer). As our world becomes increasingly more technologically advanced and dependent, the skills and possible certification earned through the New Horizons courses will be an asset to these students as they discern their life's direction.