



Chicago Hope Academy

2021 Impact Report



College acceptance
rate for class of '21

100%

282
Students
56
Zip Codes

55%

First generation
college bound

100%

Receive
Financial Aid

8:1

student:staff
ratio

Students were awarded **\$10 million**
in college scholarships in 2020-21

17

Athletic Teams
In IHSA

10

College Credit
courses available

Average class
size of

14

Chicago Hope Academy

At a glance



98%

young men and
women of color

20%

Higher ACT scores
avg than CPS avg

100%

Participation in bible classes
and daily discipleship groups

Students admitted to Notre Dame, Wheaton College, School of
the Art Institute of Chicago, Michigan State, Middlebury,
Depauw, Auburn and other great schools!

What did we do this year?

1. Educated students in the midst of a pandemic, prioritizing social-emotional health and well-being as we ministered to families
2. **Impacted the lives of 330 students despite tragedies and hardships (280 students with 50 graduating seniors)**
3. Launched "Student of the Week", awarded in Chapel to the student who exhibits the fruits of the Spirit, service and humility in the Hope community
4. Launched the Annual Run and Walk for Hope; students raised over \$35k and drew over 100 attendees
5. In chapel, **16 students have committed their lives to following Jesus Christ**
6. **Launched the in-person Career Development series with the University of Chicago Booth School of Business with 34 students**
7. Had all 50 seniors admitted to at least one 2 or 4-year program
8. Students have played in 87 athletic contests as we transition out of COVID-19
9. Solidified our Senior Leadership staff with multiple C-suite additions and a structured, deep Development and Dean organization
10. President Ike Muzikowski has been featured by Notre Dame, University of Chicago and New Canaan Society as a leader in Education

Impact Item	2020	2021	% Increase
Student body size	254	282	11.02%
% of students accepted to 1 school by Dec 31	72%	85%	18.06%
Official partner churches	2	4	100.00%
Corporate sponsors	1	6	500.00%
Fall athletic contests	10	87	770.00%
In-person chapels	1	12	1100.00%

Who is Chicago Hope Academy?

A letter from Ike Muzikowski

President and Principal. Hope '11, Columbia '15, Harvard '19



Chicago Hope Academy continues to shine the light of Christ in what has been a dark stretch in our city. Small, but powerful, we are doing more than our part in year seventeen. While many of our families are unable to pay the \$16,800 it costs to fund each student's experience, we are determined to provide an incredible and affordable education. With 33% of Chicago Public School students unaccounted for last school year, the academic achievement gaps widened. Meanwhile, Hope had a 100% head count.

Our administration and teachers humbly and relentlessly put our students and families first in small classes (14:1 student:teacher ratio) with solid results (20% higher ACT scores than the CPS average) and spiritual formation (daily discipleship groups and weekly Chapels).

While we have a 100% college acceptance rate (students in the class of '22 have been accepted to Notre Dame, Auburn, Michigan, Purdue, and Wheaton) we strive to provide each student with the right outcome for them.

Most importantly, we believe **every student should experience a sense of belonging**. I greet 100% of students at the door, ensure they've heard their name 3 times before 1st period, and know every single family. We have daily Discipleship Groups and weekly chapels that teach the beauty of character and living out one's purpose in the world. We seek to empower students because we won't change Little Village or North Lawndale. But they will. **Come and see.**

Ike Muzikowski
President & Principal

I am Hope



Meet Giselle Henry:

A senior at Chicago Hope Academy who has her eyes set on the University of Notre Dame. In her application, Giselle responded to the following prompt with humility and hopefulness.

What would you fight for?

From the gleaming highrises of Lake Shore Drive to combinations of industrial and postmodern design on State Street, each area in downtown Chicago sets a unique standard for the potential of structural beauty. Even so, against a backdrop of surplus there stood a man in a crosswalk, asking for spare change. I saw him everyday on the way to school. Surrounded by beauty and excess, he had nothing; a city with so much to give never gave to him. I never had the privilege of speaking with him, but every day I looked into his eyes and knew in my heart that I could help him build the home that he deserved.

Last summer, I served with Franciscan Outreach after church. **Building community with people from the homeless shelter allowed me to have sincere conversations that reinforced my belief that those labelled as drunks, drug addicts, and failures weren't problems to be ignored, but people who deserved to be helped.** I plan to design tiny homes, fully outfitted with heating, cooling, plumbing, and furnishing so that disadvantaged people can have a place to call their own. I am confident that Notre Dame's unique teaching of architecture through the tripartite lens of knowledge, reason, and virtue will holistically equip me to build communities of sustainable houses that people can call home.

How does it work?

We have relied for 17 years on the radical generosity of private donors, foundations and corporations who are willing to stand with us as we fight to deliver a high-quality, Christian educational experience to ambitious families.



Business Model

Cost to Educate a Student	\$16,500.00
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Tuition covers	\$ 2,400.00
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Fundraising Gap	\$14,100.00
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"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NIV

We appreciate your support



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\$50/month buys an
entire year of
lunches for 1 student

BY REQUEST



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