

Chicago Hope Academy

2021 Annual Report



Hope Turns 18!

A letter from Ike Muzikowski

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



In 2004, Chicago Hope Academy started as a prayer and a vision to change one neighborhood on Chicago's West Side. God met and grew that vision with a group of generous businessmen, led by Bob and Tina Muzikowski, who purchased St. Callistus Catholic School. After a community-led restoration effort we opened our doors with 60 students in 2005. Since then, we have served over 450 students and families from over 50 different zip codes in Chicago! God is good!

People ask what works in urban ministry in a city rife with violence and poverty. As evidenced by scriptures on Hope's walls, Jesus works. We are unapologetically Christian and remain more committed than ever to the anchor of the Gospel in a culture desperately searching for truth. Today we are 275 students strong and just graduated an incredible class of 61 seniors headed to some outstanding schools and programs. Through studying and living out the fruits of the spirit, Hope students will be inspired to grow as leaders, and become passionate and capable agents of change in their homes, communities, and the city of Chicago.

Chicago Hope Academy continues to shine the light of Christ in our city. Small, but powerful, we have done exactly what God called us to do in year seventeen. With many families unable to pay the \$16,500 it costs to fund each student, we are determined to provide a quality, affordable education.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and friends, we continue to fight the good fight. Our administrators and teachers humbly and enthusiastically guide students in small classes (16:1 student:teacher ratio) and spiritual formation (daily discipleship groups, weekly Chapels, constant prayer).

While we have a 100% college acceptance rate (students in the class of '22 are heading to Northwestern, Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, Wheaton, Texas Southern and others) we seek affordability and precision with the right situation for each student. We are just as encouraged by students who choose a trade, immediate employment, or an alternative path to holistic success.

My father, Bob Muzikowski, retired from his role as the President of Hope in April of 2021. As we look to the future, Hope is in a strong financial position and working to secure a Sustainability Fund to support the vision for decades to come. Again, we are deeply grateful for the support and scholarships that keep the Hope mission alive and thriving.



But more important than dollars and cents, we believe every student should experience a sense of belonging. I continue to greet 100% of students at the door to ensure they've heard their name at least three times before their first class, and I know every Hope family. By the grace of Christ, daily discipleship, and persistent care we continue to see the Lord work in the lives of students as they grow. At Hope, we will continue to love families, empower students, and create opportunities. In the next 20 years, I may not change Little Village, Berwyn, North Lawndale, or East Garfield. But they will.

New year, same mission.

Thank you again,

Ike Muzikowski
Ike Muzikowski

I am Hope: Elliott Johnson



Meet Elliott Johnson:

A member Chicago Hope Academy's inaugural graduating class, '08, and a graduate of Pace University. Elliott is now pursuing his MFA at the Masters in Theatre at Actors Studio Drama in School in New York City. We got a chance to chat with him about his experience at Hope and life now:

Elliott Johnson was born and raised in the Austin neighborhood on the West Side of Chicago. His mom, a social worker for CPS, and his father, a retired Army Veteran, decided to also enroll his younger sister, Leah, at Hope after witnessing the intimate community Elliott was experiencing.

Hope came at a time of major transition in his life as he was transferring high schools and recovering from an ACL tear. He was 15 and very scared, but Hope provided him a place of safety and belonging.

“Hope saved my life,” he shared. “Many of the guys I played football with are not with us any more or in jail after street life.” Truly a shelter from the storm that can be the West side of Chicago.

Hope helped Elliott learn what a personal relationship with Christ looks like. Thanks to his time at 2189 West Bowler Street, he is no longer afraid to share Jesus in an academic or professional environment. Hope also helped draw out his zeal for acting in the annual play “The Gathering,” a comical rendition of the disciples' dialogue and interactions at the Last Supper.

“I loved it,” he shared, smiling, “The Gathering really made me come out of my shell and enjoy something I wasn't comfortable with. If it wasn't for that, I may have never pursued my passion for acting.”

Today he lives out that passion. Elliott is in his last year of graduate school, while simultaneously getting his Masters in Theatre at Actors Studio Drama in School in New York City. He is currently working on a few upcoming projects and has had roles in Chicago Fire, Empire, a National Lowe's commercial, several plays and the film “Oranges.”

I am Hope: Brian Garmon



Meet Brian Garmon:

A Chicago Hope Academy alumnus (class of 2017) and a graduate of Valparaiso University (class of 2021). Brian is now pursuing a career in benefits consulting at Aon Hewitt here in Chicago. He embodied the Hope pyramid as a strong student, a multi-sport athlete and a spiritual encouragement to his classmates. Brian had this to say about his experience at Chicago Hope:

"My Hope experience was integral to building a spirit of tenacity and patience. I credit the leadership of my teachers and coaches that motivated me to expand my perspective and develop a growth mindset. Hope prepared me for success by guiding me in a strong foundation of love, character, and community. I was confident walking into my early college Reading & Writing course due to the diligent practice in my College Writing course at Hope. I was confident in leading a healthy student life at Valpo due to Hope's emphasis on balancing one's mind, body, and soul. The education and preparation received at Hope were advantageous to building a successful life from class to career."

I am Hope: Giselle Henry



Meet Giselle Henry:

Winning Hope's Valedictorian Award with two other classmates, Giselle will be attending the University of Notre Dame to study Architecture. 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.

College acceptance
rate for class of '22

100%

275
Students
53
Zip Codes

60%

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

16

Chicago Hope Academy

At a glance



96%

young men and
women of color

20%

Higher ACT scores
avg than CPS avg*

100%

Participation in Bible classes
and daily discipleship groups

Graduates in the class of 2022 wil be attending Notre Dame, Northwestern, Vanderbilt, Marquette, Michigan, Wheaton, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Iowa, Wisconsin, Olivet Nazarene, Northern Illinois, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Snapshot: 2021-22

OUR MISSION:

We are a college and life preparatory Christian High School that is dedicated to nurturing and challenging the body, mind, and spirit to the glory of God.

FAST FACTS:

- 17th year of educating majority first-gen college students; 96% African American and Latino
- 275 students come from 50+ different neighborhoods, many of them the highest crime and violence areas of the city
- 100% of students admitted to a 2 or 4-year college on a yearly basis
- 21 teachers, 14 varsity sports teams, 16 clubs offered
- Cost of funding each student: \$16,500
- Average family tuition payment per year: \$2,400
- 85% of our families qualify for the poverty line metrics necessary to receive the Illinois Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship.

THE MODEL:

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



Business Model

Cost to Educate a Student	\$16,500.00
Tuition covers	\$ 2,400.00
Fundraising Gap	\$14,100.00

Student Impact 2021-22

24,684

Student hours in Discipleship Groups and Chapel

61 of 61

Students admitted to a 2 or 4 year program

238

Athletic events in which Hope students have competed

\$2,960

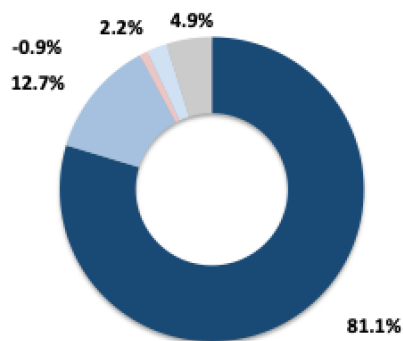
Average college loan outstanding for class of 2021

1. Impacted the lives of 275 students despite tragedies and hardships, graduating 61 seniors who are headed to various colleges, trades and jobs
2. 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
3. Launched the Annual Run and Walk for Hope; students raised significant resources and drew over 100 attendees who ran and walked in joy!
4. Witnessed over 50 students profess faith in Jesus Christ in chapel and Discipleship Groups
5. Launched the in-person Career Development series with the University of Chicago Booth School of Business with 34 students
6. Students have played in 238 athletic contests as we transitioned out of COVID-19
7. Launched the first ever Prom for Good, partnering with a local make-up brand to execute a service-oriented prom
8. Solidified senior leadership staff with multiple C-suite additions and a structured, deep Development and Dean organization
9. President Ike Muzikowski has been featured by Notre Dame, University of Chicago and New Canaan Society as a leader in Education

Steadfast Financial Position

Glory to God! We finished the 2021-2022 Academic year in the black, with a budget of just over \$5 million. Charity ranking platform Guidestar awarded us a Platinum rating for transparency, its highest level given to non-profits. This confirms that we have operated with high standards with regard to disclosure. Currently we are in the strongest financial position we've been in, and will continue to grow. After the acquisition of Quest Multisport in 2020, we are excited by the continued improvement in the student experience and the potential to utilize the land around that space for further learning. To provide the highest-quality Christian education, we prioritize academic delivery and minimize fundraising and administrative expenses. And we know that the sacrificial generosity of others that makes it possible to continue serving the flock God brings us. We are thankful for every contributor to Hope's mission this year and every year -- **YOU** make a difference in students' lives.

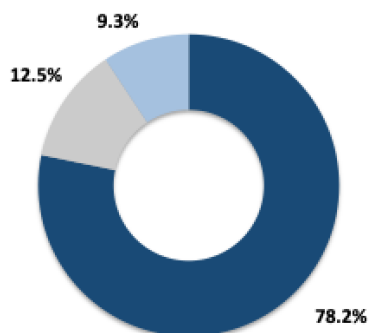
Chicago Hope Academy 2021 Revenue Sources



■ Contributions & Grants	\$ 11,191,137
<small>*Includes one-time large gifts</small>	
■ Tuition & Fees	\$ 1,753,189
<small>*Program & Service Revenue</small>	
■ Proceeds (Loss) from Real Estate	\$ (123,742)
<small>*One time sale of property through Righteous Oaks</small>	
■ Investment Income	\$ 301,873
■ Other Revenue	\$ 683,338

Total Contributed Support: \$ 13,805,795

Chicago Hope Academy 2021 Operating Costs



■ Mission Critical Activities	\$ 4,534,142
■ Managerial & Administrative	\$ 722,556
■ Fundraising	\$ 540,905

Total Operating Costs: \$ 5,797,603

Servant Leaders

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A place of belonging

Chicago Hope Academy
2189 West Bowler St

Hope Student Athletic Center
2641 W Harrison St

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To learn more about our School, and the impact our students and school are making on the greater Chicago community, visit our school website at: www.chicagohopeacademy.org.

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