

## Mission & Vision

Farther Foundation helps students break free from the constraints of poverty and propels them toward their highest aspirations.

We provide opportunities for eager and deserving students to travel worldwide and interact with individuals who have diverse backgrounds and experiences.

They participate in programs where they are immersed in new cultures, learn and develop skills, provide community service, cultivate leadership potential and attain personal growth.

**Go Farther!**

### Summer Learning is key to closing the achievement gap

Research by the [National Summer Learning Association](#) indicates that nearly **two-thirds of the 9th grade achievement gap** can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities. **Summer Learning Day** is a national advocacy



day recognized to spread awareness about the importance of summer learning for our nation's youth in helping **close the achievement gap**.

So not only are the summer educational travel programs enabled by [Farther Foundation](#) inspirational to a student's future goals and aspirations, they are foundational in preparing students to achieve every day in their ongoing education. Farther Foundation is pleased to recognize and honor **Summer Learning Day** with a **fundraising challenge** for our friends and supporters.

### Summer Learning Day President's Challenge Match

Farther Foundation's Board President has made a commitment to match all donations to Farther Foundation made on or before June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 up to a total of \$2,500.

Please show your support for Farther Foundation and the students we serve by supporting effective summer learning programs.

**Donate online at: [www.fartherfoundation.org](http://www.fartherfoundation.org)**

**Or by mail at: 223 S. Elmwood Ave. Oak Park, IL 60302**

- > Indicate that your donation is part of our Summer Learning Day Presidential Challenge and your donation will be matched.
- > Farther Foundation is a 501(C)(3) charitable organization and all donation are tax deductible.

**Meet our Farther Foundation class of 2014 scholars. They will travel across the country and around the world to discover the best in themselves.**

> A summer spent on a college campus offers students an academic and a social challenge. They learn how to meet high expectations and how to navigate new social and cultural environments. Parents also learn how to give their children time and space to grow.

- Chasity: Cornell University
- Guadalupe: Brown University – Medicine
- Jocelyn: Brown University – Psychology
- Jonathan: Boston University – Writing
- Nick: Brown University – Computer science
- Steve: Brown University – Science policy
- **Oli: Brown University – Economics >>**  
*-- “the academic atmosphere at Brown will challenge me in an unprecedented way in my life.”*



> Traveling abroad presents students with an array of challenges and opportunities -- learning a new language, living with a host family, engaging in community service, making friends from around the world and having the most memorable experience of their lives.

- David: Costa Rica
- Dejah: Spain
- Jacqueline: Norway
- Jennifer: Bonaire
- Lorena: Costa Rica
- Milon: Spain
- Rebeca: Costa Rica
- Winston: Ghana
- **Delia: Costa Rica >>**  
*-- “I would use my experience as a way of encouraging others to make positive life changes by sharing my experience as a teaching tool. I hope that everything I learn during my weeks abroad will help me to become more confident, more open minded and more understanding.”*



> Our remaining students will participate in other programs around the country.

- Abraham will be in the Gulf Coast as part of a service project and cultural exploration.
- Esei will challenge himself academically with top students at Phillips Exeter Academy.
- Tiarra will study women’s issues and explore her potential at the Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Center.
- **Lesley** will face outdoor adventure challenges and provide community service in Hawaii.  
*-- “I want my hands and body to remember the difference I helped make; not only to a people and an environment, but in myself as well.”*

## Alumni News

### College graduates

Assuming no gaps or delays in their education paths, 13 members from our first group of scholarship recipients in 2009 would be due to graduate from college this spring. Nationally, just 60% of low-income students who attend college achieve a degree within even 6 years of enrolment. We recently heard from 12 of our 13 alumni and we are proud to congratulate them on their degrees or continuing study:

**Chelsea:** Colgate University

**Anna:** University of Chicago

**Maritza:** University of Illinois

**Paula:** Penn State University

**Natasha:** Indiana State University

**Elizabeth:** University of Illinois

**David:** Vassar College

**Nitza:** Williams College

**Brenda:** Kalamazoo College

**Cynthia:** St. Mary's College

**Jazmin:** Continuing on a 5 year program toward becoming a Medical Assistant

**Diamond:** Continuing on a 5 year program at University of Wisconsin toward a degree in Kinesiology

### High school graduation and college acceptance

Over the years, Farther Foundation has supported several [HighSight](#) students with scholarships for enrichment travel programs. HighSight provides tutoring, mentoring, college counseling and other support for high school students. At its recent event, 20 high school graduates stepped to the microphone to announce where they would attend college in the fall. Fifteen students specifically mentioned their summer enrichment travel opportunity as being an essential factor in their success.

We were able to visit with three new graduates who we first supported with scholarships in 2013.

**Christine** and **Lizbeth** used their Farther Foundation scholarships to travel to China and Panama respectively. They have both gone on to win highly competitive scholarships from the State Department's National Security Language Initiative, where this summer Christine will return to China while Lizbeth studies Arabic in Morocco. This fall Christine will begin her college experience at Knox College and Lizbeth at Furman University. >>



**Alicia** had the experience of a lifetime traveling to Tanzania, Africa with her Farther Foundation scholarship. Her next adventure will be to begin college at Furman University. Her parents could not be more proud of her achievements thus far, and feel more confident and comfortable about sending her to college far from home.

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## Save the Date

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

### Farther Foundation's Annual Fundraising Event and Celebration



- > Come hear stories of travel, adventure, mishap and discovery told by consummate storytellers.
- > Enjoy food, drink and the company of friends.
- > Take a chance to win vacation packages in our raffle.



<< Our emcee for the evening is WLS Channel 7 news anchor and reporter, **John Garcia**.

#### Storytellers include:

**Pat Byrnes** is an author, comedian, New Yorker Magazine cartoonist and one time aeronautical engineer. >>



<< **Mike Cramer** is an award winning independent film maker, visual artist, performer of written and improv comedy...and a lawyer.

**Harlene Ellin** is a long-time journalist, essayist, marketer, social media maven and domestic impresario.

**James Finn Garner** is a writer and performer. A former columnist with Chicago Magazine, his writing has appeared in the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Playboy, NPR, and the BBC. His book, Politically Correct Bedtime Stories, is an international best-seller translated into more than 25 languages. >>



#### Early registration and tickets are available!

[Online](#), or

phone: 708-497-7240, or

email: [slam@fartherfoundation.org](mailto:slam@fartherfoundation.org)

#### Tickets prices include entertainment, food and 2 drinks.

- > Coach class - \$50
- > Business class - \$60: includes 1 raffle ticket.
- > First class - \$70: includes 3 raffle tickets.
- > Premier executive class - \$100: includes 3 raffle tickets plus a sense of entitlement

## Other News

> We are pleased to announce an exciting new partnership with [Kaehler Luggage/WorldTraveler.com](http://KaehlerLuggage/WorldTraveler.com). Kaehler outfits travel enthusiasts and business professionals demanding both quality and fashion in travel products.



To initiate this partnership, Kaehler Luggage has created a paid internship opportunity available specifically to students who have participated in Farther Foundation programs. The intern will have the opportunity to learn the basics of travel; Learn about travel products and gear that makes travel safer and more convenient, and; Practice salesmanship, communication and other job performance skills. Through hard work and demonstrated ability, they may also find an opportunity for extended employment.

Kaehler Luggage believes in the mission of Farther Foundation and the value of our programs for the students we serve. Both parties look forward to building on this first step and finding ways to better benefit deserving students.

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### Thank you for supporting Farther Foundation and the students we serve

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**Remember, your donations, up to a total of \$2,500, made on or before June 20 will be matched by our Board President in honor of *Summer Learning Day***

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