

Mission & Vision

Farther Foundation helps students break free from the constraints of poverty and isolation 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!

Alumnus Joins the Board

Farther Foundation is pleased to announce that Angelicca Telles has joined its board of directors.



Angelicca was a recipient of a Farther Foundation grant as a high school student in 2010 when she traveled to Thailand with American Field Service.

Angelicca attended high school at St. Ignatius College Prep, and this May graduated from Pomona College in Southern California.

"Joining Farther Foundation's board is an amazing honor and opportunity. I have had the privilege to witness the growth of students throughout their high school experience. Their participation in enrichment programs on college campuses or abroad are without a doubt pivotal moments for them. I am excited to contribute to this effort through Farther Foundation and to let more people know about its amazing work."

President's Challenge Match

Adding Angelicca to the Board of Directors is a milestone in the maturation of our students and our organization. In honor of Angelicca joining the board, our Board President has issued a special fundraising challenge to our supporters for the month of June.

Farther Foundation's Board President has committed to match all donations to Farther Foundation made on or before June 30, 2015 up to a total of \$2,500.

Please help honor Angelicca and show your support for Farther Foundation and the students we serve by supporting us this month.

Donate online at: www.fartherfoundation.org

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

- > Indicate that your donation is part of our Presidential Challenge in honor of Angelicca and your donation will be matched.
- > Farther Foundation is a 501(C)(3) charitable organization and all donations are fully tax deductible.

Meet our Farther Foundation class of 2015 scholars.

This year, Farther Foundation approved more than \$73,000 in scholarships to support life changing programs for 25 well-deserving students. Here are some details about our scholarship class of 2015:

Juniors: 16	Sophomores: 9
Male: 16	Female: 9
Latino: 14	African American: 10
Public High School: 16	Private High School: 9
Average GPA: 3.6	Average Scholarship: \$3,000

Our scholarship recipients this year will participate in programs that take them abroad to the Galapagos Islands, China, Japan and Panama. Closer to home they will experience college life on campuses including Brown, UCLA, Carleton College and Georgetown. They will also do hands-on scientific field work in Acadia National Park in Maine and fine arts exploration at the Putney School in Vermont.

Student Spotlight

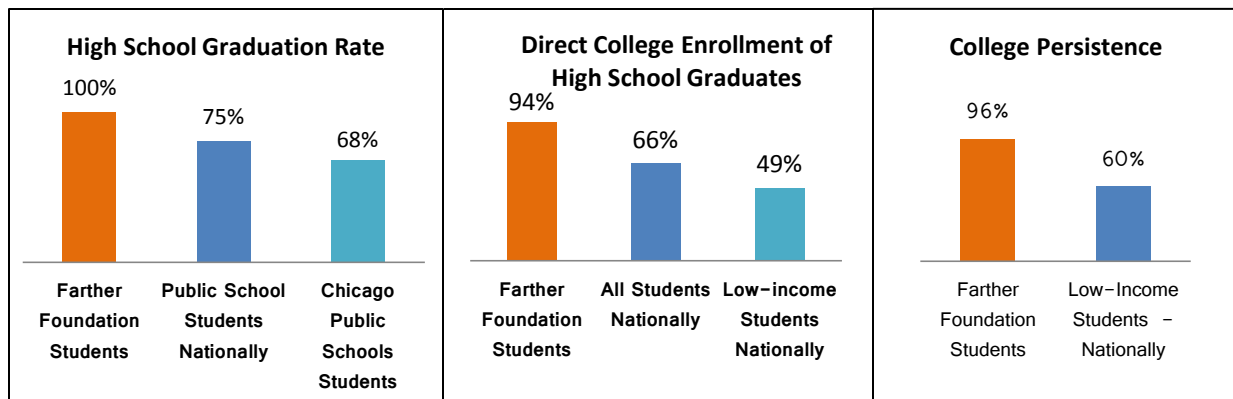


Yesenia is a 4.0 GPA student at Whitney Young High School, one of Chicago Public School's most rigorous magnet schools. She is also a part of the [University of Chicago Collegiate Scholars Program](#) that provides her with academic counseling, seminars and other resources to support her academic ambitions.

Yesenia is looking forward to traveling to Acadia National Park in Maine this summer with [EarthWatch Institute](#). Yesenia tells us she chose this program because, *"it encompasses thoughtful inquiry and intense engagement with the environment. I know that I want to become an engineer, and this program will allow me to explore the research component to engineering."*

Yesenia is aware that not everybody in her community has access to the opportunities that she has worked hard to earn; *"I have seen students drop out of high school to support their families, start their own families, or deal with outside issues like gang violence, and many have shared with me their regrets about the decisions they made regarding their education."* She feels that it is important for her to return to her community as an example and a role model for success.

Alumni News



Farther Foundation students continue to graduate high school, enroll in college and then stay and graduate from college (college persistence) at rates that far exceed their peers.

Alumni Spotlight



Paula (center) pictured with Terry and Lanny Passaro at the scholarship award luncheon

Paula was a member of Farther Foundation’s first scholarship class in 2009. She traveled to Hawaii with [The Road Less Traveled](#) on a program that combined community service, exploration of native culture and outdoor adventure activities. Paula went on to graduate from Penn State University then returned home to Chicago to enter graduate school at the School of Public Health at The University of Illinois at Chicago.

In her graduate work, Paula is also pursuing a global health concentration, and to that end, she will be doing research in Nicaragua. Paula was recently presented a Douglas Passaro Global Horizons Scholarship, awarded to graduate level students at UIC pursuing global public health research.

Paula describes her global health research project:

“My practicum will take place in Nicaragua where I will be working with AMOS Health and Hope. The first three weeks will consist of hands on training, focusing on current AMOS methodologies for improving the health of children under age 5, improving access to clean water in rural family homes and empowering youth while working alongside Community Health Workers in rural Nicaragua. The remaining six weeks, I will work with a team on the ongoing clean water program. I will be collecting data and providing an analysis based on the findings that will help AMOS to continually provide communities with the safest drinking water.”

Save the Date

Thursday, October 15, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Farther Foundation’s Annual Fundraising Event and Celebration



- **Come hear stories of adventure, mishap and discovery told by consummate storytellers.**
- **Enjoy food, drink and the company of friends.**
- **Take a chance to win prizes in our raffle.**
- **Support our hard-working scholars.**

Storytellers include:

Butch Jerinic has been improvising, acting and storytelling around Chicago for a long time! She has performed with ComedySportz and Second City. Outside of roles in television and film, her favorite performance was her critically acclaimed solo show, “*Growing Up Butch*”. >>



<< **Mark Guarino** is a journalist whose byline appears in The Washington Post, Al Jazeera, The Guardian, Chicago Tribune, and other media outlets. His plays have been produced around Chicago including *All the Fame of Lofty Deeds*, his collaboration with Jon Langford of The Mekons.

Barbara Mahany is an author and freelance journalist who writes these days about stumbling on the sacred amid the cacophony of the modern-day domestic melee. She was a reporter and feature writer at the Chicago Tribune, and before that a pediatric oncology nurse. *Slowing Time: Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door* is Mahany’s first book. Publishers Weekly picked it as one of the Top 10 religion books for Fall 2014. >>



<< **David Fink** is co-owner of The Acorn Theater in Three Oaks, MI, producing and presenting world-class live entertainment. He also curates a monthly LGBTQ storytelling show in Chicago entitled OUTspoken! David has told stories on the stage at Storylab, Guts & Glory, San Miguel de Allende storytelling festival, The Moth, Fillet of Solo Festival, and This Much is True.



Our master of ceremonies for the evening is veteran radio newsman and internet streaming news pioneer on [Rivet Radio](#), **Charlie Meyerson**. >>



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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 30 will be matched by our Board President in honor of our alumnus and new board member *Angelicca Telles*

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