

## 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 participate in educational programs across the country and around the world.

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!**

## Save the Date

Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 – 10:00pm  
Fitzgerald's Nightclub



### Farther Foundations Annual Benefit and Celebration

- Come hear stories of discovery, adventure and mishap told by consummate storytellers.
- Enjoy food, drink and the company of friends.
- Win fun and exciting raffle prizes.
- Support our hard working and deserving students.

#### Storytellers include:



**[Martin Atkins](#)**: Drummer with bands including Public Image Limited, Ministry and Pigface, music educator and crafter of stories.

**[Michele Weldon](#)**: Author, Moth Grandslam storyteller, educator and

rollerderby enthusiast.

**Rex Huppke**: Chicago Tribune columnist and humorist. [@RexHuppke](#)

**Jackie Kaplan-Perkins**: Storyteller and Director of the [Chicago and Midwest Human Rights Watch](#).

**[Kevin D'Ambrosio](#)**: Storyteller, motivational speaker and actor.

### Early Registration for StorySlam is open!

Tickets start at \$60 and include admission, food and entertainment

[Click here to buy tickets and register online](#)

Or contact us at:

708-497-7240 or [gofarther@fartherfoundation.org](mailto:gofarther@fartherfoundation.org)

We hope to see you there!

## Meet our Farther Foundation class of 2016 scholars.

This year, Farther Foundation approved more than \$82,500 in scholarships to support life changing programs for 27 well-deserving students. Here are some details about our scholarship class of 2016:

Female: 17	Male: 10	
Latino: 16	African American: 9	Other: 2
Public High School: 14	Private High School: 13	
Average family Income: \$34,400	Average Scholarship: \$3,000	

Our scholarship recipients this year will participate in programs that take them abroad to the Galapagos Islands, China, Korea, Japan, Ghana, Tanzania, Germany and Spain. Others will experience college life on campuses including Brown, Princeton, Cornell, and Columbia.

### 2016 Scholar Spotlight



Nora is a high achieving student at Evanston Public High School. She is also a part of [Evanston Scholars](#), an organization that reaches out to students from at-risk populations and provides them with academic support, mentoring, college counseling, college admissions test prep and other resources to support their academic aspirations.

This summer, Nora will go to Boston University where she will participate in a program that gives her a college campus experience focusing on theater arts. Nora currently aspires to be a drama teacher, *“Becoming a drama teacher will*

*allow me to pay forward my passion for the performing arts, enabling me to help young people experience the same challenge, reward and learning that I have found through theater.”*

Nora described to us the impact theater has had on her: *“Sophomore year, I worked on North Star, a play about the Greensboro sit-ins, a series of nonviolent protests that took place during the civil rights era. After my involvement in this play, I decided that I needed to make positive life changes. I decided to become a part of an organization at my high school called SOAR: Students Organized Against Racism. We work to challenge and change institutional practices that negatively impact all students, especially students of color. SOAR helps me to make positive changes in my own life and my community. I want to continue to explore the connections between theater, my own identity and the things I observe happening in my community.”*

## Alumni News



Jocelyn with one of her professors, former Massachusetts Governor and presidential candidate Michael Dukakis.

### Alumni Spotlight – Jocelyn Duran

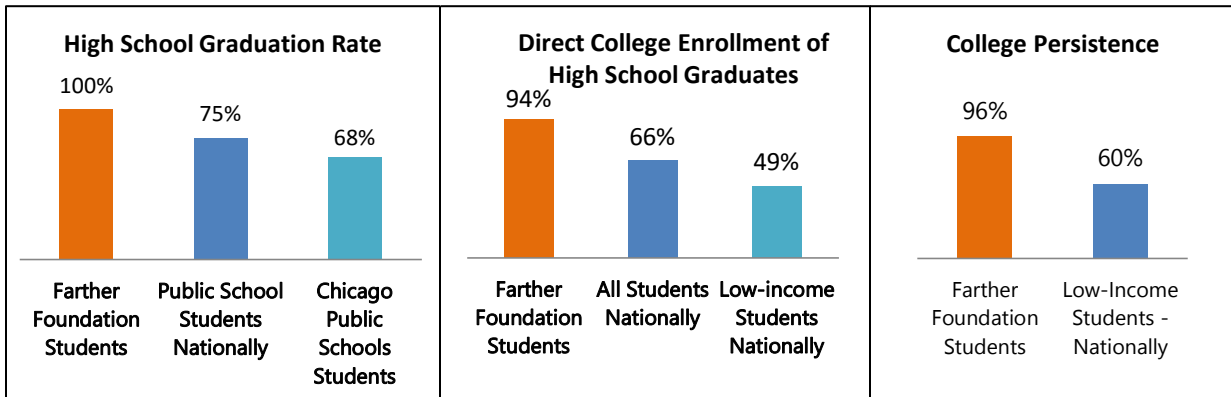
Usually when a college student says they are on the five-year plan, it's a reason for concern, but not for Farther Foundation alumnus, Jocelyn Duran. Jocelyn attends Northeastern University, a prestigious college in Boston that offers a unique work study co-op program. Jocelyn explained the program to us. *"The way it works is we alternate semesters of classes with semesters where we work full time in a position that is related to our major or a career interest. The combination has been a really great way to figure out what I want to do in the future, and graduating with all the work experience has made me more confident about finding and succeeding at a job after graduation."*

Jocelyn has already worked in the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and at Plymouth Rock Assurance Co. This August she will travel to Canada to work for Northeastern as an International Student Advisor.

As a high school student, Jocelyn used her Farther Foundation scholarship to participate in a cultural immersion and service project in Mexico. She said her educational travel experience played a big part in her college application essays and her college choices. *"It was an incredible experience and it has made an impact on the way I think about all opportunities presented to me. Taking the leap to apply to a program like that and traveling without my family for the first time gave me a sense of independence and confidence that I wouldn't have been able to get elsewhere. When the time came to apply for colleges, Northeastern was the furthest away from home, and while my family was apprehensive at first, I knew that I was capable of taking care of myself, and looked upon the unknown with excitement."*

Looking ahead, Jocelyn hopes to return to Chicago and pursue a career as an investigator in the insurance or finance industries – a field she experienced through her co-op program. She advises any high school student to seek similar opportunities: *"The friends I made, the places I got to visit, the things I learned, it has helped make me who I am. If you have something that interests you, community service, marine science, law, anything, there is an educational travel program out there for you. I hope organizations like Farther Foundation only continue to grow and prosper so that more students get the opportunity to participate in these programs."*

**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.**



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