



# Visionaries

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## Morning at the John Hancock Center

A group of Project: VISION students experienced a great thing at the John Hancock Center on February 28th. At an annual event called Hustle Up the Hancock, nine of us offered our time and strength to encourage the runners who raced up the Hancock tower for the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago to help raise funds for lung disease research, advocacy, and education.

I have to be honest; the day started out really boring, and plus we all woke up around five in the morning, so we were all a little cranky. Our group was split into two- one for goody bag distribution and the other for food distribution. As the day went on,

things got more fun; we began to think of our job as a game of who can get more bags out. We met many of the 4,000 runners that raced up the Hancock when they stopped by at our booth. Our day ended at about



Helping out one of the racers.

ten o'clock. Our group decided to explore a little bit. We got in the elevator for an extremely fast and smooth ride. By the looks of everyone's faces and the way they clasped their ears, I could tell it was a pretty painful ride up to the top. However, when we got up there, the view was amazing; there were tall



The view from the top



buildings amongst lots of shorter ones as well, and as a result, we could see far into the horizon and far into the river.



The whole Project: VISION group

The view itself was worth it! We then all met for a leisurely lunch, where we chatted for a long while.

All in all, the day was great experience; it was my first time visiting the Hancock building, and it was a great way to meet and socialize with new people. I am glad I took the initiative to volunteer and experience this wonderful day with Project: VISION. -Alex Liu

*The Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago promotes lung health and fights lung disease. Over 4,100 participants hustled up the Hancock this year with a goal to raise \$1.3 million! Help them reach it by donating! [www.lungchicago.org](http://www.lungchicago.org)*



Project: VISION students working at the goody bag station.

## Project: VISION

The mission of Project: VISION is to provide youth in the Bridgeport & Chinatown areas of Chicago with tools for educational, professional, personal, interpersonal, and civic development.

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## Upcoming Events

### 7th Annual Project: VISION Bowl-a-thon

Sunday June 13th, 2-4pm

UIC Student Games & Bowling Ctr@  
750 S. Halsted St., Chicago

Come join Project: VISION volunteers, supporters, and students to help us fundraise in support of your youth programs! Please email us to sign up as a bowler.



### Project: Youth Health Initiative

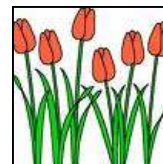
Saturday April 17th & 24th

9a-noon

Still need service learning hours? Students will plan and carry out a health fair where they will have the chance to teach the community about healthy lifestyles and provide free health screening tests. Sign up at: [www.projectvisionchicago.org/signup.html](http://www.projectvisionchicago.org/signup.html)

PV will be closed for Spring Break:  
Mar 29-Apr 1.

Regular hours will resume on  
Monday, April 5th.



## Youth Prepare for the ACT

The ACT is almost like a rite of passage. Every year, high school juniors must take this four hour exam in their first steps toward applying for college. For some, this can be a nerve-wrecking experience especially in the middle of a very busy academic year.

This year will be Project: VISION's seventh year offering an ACT Prep Class and tutor Michelle Lee's second year teaching the class, helping students study and practice for the important exam. In years past, the class has always successfully helped over 70% of students make at least a 2-point or greater improvement on their composite scores.

So far, the fifteen ACT students have covered a variety of topics, from English grammar



The class at work

rules to algebra and geometry to reading comprehension strategy.

Students just finished a mid-course mock exam, and almost every student was happy to find that they made significant

improvements compared to the pre-test!

Now we're beginning on the home stretch of the prep course— covering the last of the material and starting to review the highlights of each subject. Students will get one last mock exam later this month, and then they will get their crack at the real thing!



The Saturday morning class