



Visionaries

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Hustle Up the Hancock!

Veteran Project: VISION tutor Shuo Ming Fung has been volunteering at the annual Hustle Up the Hancock, an event benefiting the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago (RHAMC), for the last six years. The RHAMC is an organization with a mission to promote healthy lungs and fight lung disease through research, advocacy, and education. They serve over 1 million Cook County residents living with asthma, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and other lung diseases.

In the last two years, Shuo has brought his passion for the cause and the event to Project: VISION students. This past Sunday, he led a group of thirteen Project: VISION students, many joining from the Whitney Young High School Key Club to volunteer as the event's "observatory crew". Students



helped set up the finish area before the race. During the race, some students manned the finish line on the 94th floor as climbers finished and handed out medals, water, and bananas. Others were responsible for recording finish times and helping with crowd control.

Students had a lot of fun cheering on the competitors and were happy to know that their efforts helped the RHAMC raise over 1 million dollars for lung



health research! Many said they were inspired by the determination of the stair climbers, and a few students even stated that they were inspired to perhaps do the climb themselves one day.

Project: VISION students are also doing their part in our own community to promote an anti-tobacco message! With the help of the Asian Health Coalition,



students will be putting on a photo gallery at the Chinatown Library on Saturday, April 16th from 1-4pm, to show their photography work on tobacco use in the community. Come support our students!



To learn more about the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, please visit: <http://www.lungchicago.org/>

Project: VISION

Project: VISION's mission 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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PV Welcomes New Program Coordinator!

Soukprida Phetmisy, better known as Victoria, graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design with a B.F.A. in writing and a concentration in Arts Administration. During school and since graduation, Victoria has dabbled quite a bit in youth development, education equality and media. Her experience included teaching creative writing at Deep, a non-profit literacy arts organization in Savannah, Georgia. More presently, Victoria interned with 826CHI in their Education, Operations and Development sectors where she helped to implement in-school writing workshops at many turnaround schools on the south side of Chicago and also aided the director of education and program and volunteer coordinator in restructuring the after-school drop-in tutoring program.

Victoria fondly enjoys and is passionate about language, writing and the arts and its lasting affects of each on our youth and women. She is personally and deeply committed to enriching the lives of underserved youth and hope to

bridge the gaps of educational and creative opportunities that many students don't always receive. Victoria is happy to join the Project: VISION team and hopes to bring to the organization many programs that will encourage leadership, confidence and creativity and allow the students to gain and nurture their own voices and become individuals who are mindful and engaged in their community and education. Her overall vision is to ensure that the students of the Chinatown and Bridgeport communities develop a sense of pride in their work and themselves. By implementing programs focused on expository writing skills, public speaking skills and service-



Welcome, Victoria!

learning skills, she hopes that the students will be able to be more equipped to face the challenges that will come up in their lives.

Upcoming Events

Free to Soar (Project: Smoke Free Chinatown) Photovoice Gallery

Saturday April 16th, 1p-4p

Come check out PV students' photography work! Youth have been working on 8***

College Workshop for Freshmen/Sophomores

Saturday April 16th, 10a-noon

Come learn about college and how to get started early with your college applications!

ACT Class- Mock Exam #2

Saturday April 2nd, 1p-5p

For ACT Prep Class students only- Come find out whether you have improved your score!

Sign up for these programs at:

<http://projectvisionchicago.org/signup.html>

The Youth Center will be closed (except for special service learning programs):

March 7- Pulaski Day (No School)

April 18th-21st- Spring Break (No School)