



# Visionaries

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## Road Trip to UIUC

Choosing the right college is one of the most important decisions a high school student makes, and college campus visits can often make the difference in helping students decide. As one of our students pointed out, a visit to campus can make all the difference because it is important to get a “feel for whether or not you fit in”.

Project: VISION students took a road trip down to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this summer to see the campus and experience what campus life might be like. The group trekked all over campus, making stops at the Illini Union, the Quad, Foellinger Auditorium, and the Undergraduate Library. They were even able to see a typical dorm room. Students had a variety of their questions answered— from what kinds of

meal plans are available to how class registration works.

Students also had the opportunity to tour parts of campus based on areas of study. One group toured the South Quad where business students typically have class, while another headed north to tour the Engineering Quad. A third group checked out the biology and chemistry research buildings. Each group had a chance to see lecture



Students posing with the Alma Mater

halls, classrooms, labs and libraries.

This fall, Project: VISION will continue to help our college-bound students with the college application process. More visits to college cam-



Our group on the Quad at UIUC

puses including UIC, Northwestern, and Loyola are planned for the fall. Also, seniors will be able to get help with applications at our workshops which will include sessions on essay writing and financial aid.

For a complete schedule and to sign up for programs, please visit our website at [www.projectvisionchicago.org](http://www.projectvisionchicago.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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## Fighting Substance Abuse

This summer, Project: VISION had the opportunity to work with the Asian Health Coalition (AHC), a grassroots organization with a mission to improve the health and well-being of Asian Americans in Illinois through advocacy, education, and research.

Six Project: VISION youth participated in a 4-week program to educate the Chinatown community about substance abuse. Students learned about various issues including smoking, alcohol abuse, and other illicit substances during educational workshops. The workshops consisted of visual presentations and hands on experiences. One of the most eye-opening activities was when students were "put under the influence" via fatal vision goggles. The

goggles simulated what it was like to have a blood alcohol concentration of .17, more than double the legal limit of .08. It was quite a sobering experience for the youth!

Under the guidance of AHC staff, students created campaign materials including fact sheets, brochures, and posters that will be distributed in the community to educate other youth as well as parents. Students even wrote letters to editors of local papers urging them to say no to tobacco and alcohol advertisements!

*To learn more about the work of the Asian Health Coalition, please visit [www.asianhealth.org](http://www.asianhealth.org).*



## Upcoming Events

### After School Tutoring

Begins September 7th

Monday-Thursday 2p-6p

After school homework tutoring resumes in the fall. To sign up, email us or go to our website at this link:

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

### Project: College-Bound

September 11, 18, 25th

Saturdays 9a-noon

Need help applying to college? Come learn about college applications, essay writing, and financial aid!

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

### College Campus Visit to UIC

October 2nd 9a-2p

Thinking about going to college at UIC? Come to campus with us and see for yourself! Get a tour of campus from former and current UIC students and learn about what college life is like there. Sign up on our website:

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

## Reminder...

Save the date for...

*Project: VISION's*

*3rd Annual Fall Soiree & Silent Auction!*

Venue: Mars Gallery

(1139 W. Fulton Market, Chicago, IL 60607)

Date: Saturday, October 23rd

Time: 7p-10p

Come join us for drinks & appetizers

Auction Items include:

Lunch for 4 Aboard the Spirit of Chicago

Sweetly Ever After Baked Goods Package

Arthur Murray Studios Dance Lessons

Ravinia Gift Package

And much more!!

