

**MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY HONORS CHICAGO AREA
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN STEM**
Graduating Seniors Receive Surprise Gift of Laptop Computers

CHICAGO (June 15, 2019) – The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) honored 19 high school seniors from across the Chicago area for their passion for science at a June 15 event celebrating the Museum’s Science Achievers youth development program.

MSI’s Science Achievers program provides teens the opportunity to learn about science, develop leadership and public speaking skills and prepare for college. They also learn about science careers as a way to increase diversity in STEM fields. In addition, teens earn service learning hours while engaging people in hands-on science experiments at the Museum and at community events such as programs at libraries and other locations.

This year’s graduating seniors volunteered over 7,000 hours to engage people in science activities. Collectively, the seniors have been offered more than \$700,000 in scholarships. The graduates are:

- Cameron Allison, Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park
- Aissa Avila, Hubbard High School, Chicago
- Michelle Awh, University of Chicago Lab School, Chicago
- Thomas Blackmore, Downers Grove South High School, Downers Grove
- Sophie Corbett, James B. Conant High School, Hoffman Estates
- Angel Cordero, CICS Northtown Academy, Chicago
- Aisia Farmer, Thornton Fractional South High School, Lansing
- Emily Gamboa, John Hancock College Prep High School, Chicago
- Alan Gonzalez, Whitney Young High School, Chicago
- Spencer Huynh, Walter Payton High School, Chicago
- Sydney Jackson, Kenwood Academy, Chicago
- Ella Johnson, Jones College Prep High School, Chicago
- Kane Layng, St. Ignatius High School, Chicago
- Faithe Metellus, Glenbrook North High School, Northbrook
- De’ja Roberts, Crete-Monee High School, Crete
- Pawel Rozanski, Stagg High School, Palos Hills
- Khalind Shah, Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire
- Nikita Sharma, Schaumburg High School, Schaumburg
- Matthew Wong, Walter Payton High School, Chicago

As a token of thanks, the Museum provided a surprise gift to the Science Achievers going on to college in the fall — laptop computers, generously provided by CDW Corporation.

“Our Science Achievers are a shining example of the many ways MSI inspires and motivates our children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering,” said David Mosen, Museum president and CEO.

The Science Achievers program is part of the Museum's Welcome to Science Initiative, a comprehensive program offering the Museum's award-winning resources to everyone from teachers and school administrators to students and their communities. The initiative extends the content of Museum exhibits through strategies that empower teachers, engage the community and excite students and Museum guests. Learn more at msichicago.org/welcometoscience.

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Welcome to Science Initiative, the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering. Come visit and find your inspiration! MSI is open 9:30–4 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Extended hours, until 5:30 p.m., are offered during peak periods. The Museum is grateful for the support of its donors and guests, who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit msichicago.org or call (773) 684-1414.

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