



URBAN PREP ACADEMIES

Urban Prep Students Discover Our City

This year, Urban Prep students visited twenty-five of Chicago's most prominent corporate, civic, cultural and nonprofit organizations through a field-study program that we call "Discovering Our City." While most schools incorporate career day into their curriculum, Discovering Our City affords our students the unique opportunity to step away from the classroom and insert themselves in the shoes of Chicago's working professionals.

Discovering Our City allows Urban Prep juniors and seniors to closely interact with professionals in a variety of industries. This experience is most significant to our students because it inspires them to set goals and opens up a large umbrella of careers that may have seemed out of reach until now.

Not only did Discovering Our City help our students bridge the aspiration gap to see what possibilities lay ahead, students got to talk about careers in the criminal justice system with Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx; learn how to build a business with 1871 Chicago; see what it's like to be inside the construction zone with the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority; and see every aspect of the hotel business at the Peninsula Chicago.

Urban Prep thanks all those who gave their time, effort and resources to help Urban Prep Students see what they can be through Discovering Our City.

Discovering Our City 2017 Hosts/Sites

1871 Tech & Entrepreneurship Center	Kimpton Gray Hotel
AKArama Foundation	LEAP Innovations
Asset Allocation and Management	Lendlease Construction Company
British Consulate General Chicago	Lyric Opera of Chicago
Chicago Public Schools	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Chicago Public Schools	Peninsula Hotel Chicago
Chicago Scholars Foundation	Resurrection University
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce	Smith Amundson LLP
Cook County State's Attorney's Office	Turner Construction Company
David Anthony Geary Art Studio	We Are Unlimited Advertising Firm
East Bank Club	Welcome Inn Manor-Bed and Breakfast
Golden Apple Foundation	YMCA of the USA, National Headquarters
iHeartMedia	
IMC Financial Markets	

A Urban Prep students learn what it's like to create and open a business at 1871: Chicago's Tech & Entrepreneurship Center. **B** Urban Prep students with representatives from IMC Financial Markets. **C** Students visit the Cook County State's Attorney's Office with State's Attorney Kim Foxx. **D/E** Students touring the site of Wintrust Arena with Chicago's Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.



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