

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## 2022-2023

LEGAL PREP

CHARTER ACADEMY

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRINCIPAL - JOSEPH WILLIAMS (Formerly Director of Culture)

In my new role as Principal at Legal Prep, my mission is to create a transformative educational experience for our students. I am deeply committed to fostering a positive and inclusive environment where students excel academically, develop their unique talents, and grow into confident individuals ready to tackle future challenges. By implementing mentoring programs, organizing engaging extracurricular activities, and hosting captivating events, I strive to equip students with the skills and confidence needed to excel in new and challenging environments. My ultimate objective is to empower students by enhancing their core identities and increasing their ability to succeed in unfamiliar territories. Together, let's create opportunities for growth and enable our students to thrive.



## FAST FACTS

- First and only legal-themed public high school in Illinois.
- 100% diverse student body.
- Only public high school in West Garfield Park.
- Dedicated social and emotional learning team.
- 95% qualify for free/reduced lunch.
- 80% will be first generation college students.

## OUR LEGAL-THEMED CURRICULUM

- Students take substantive law classes each year.
- Students develop legal skills through monthly interactions with law firms and corporations.
- The Federal Bar Association and legal organizations provide guest teachers on social justice topics.
- PILI and CVLS partner with Legal Prep to offer a monthly law clinic for the community.

## ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

- A low student to counselor ratio.
- Enrichment programs through our weekly colloquium program.
- A Gold Star rated mentoring program.
- SAT prep courses.
- Up to 12 hours of dual college credit.

## ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS

- 100 % of our students visited at least one college.
- 95% of our seniors graduated.
- 93% of our seniors received a college acceptance letter.
- Our senior class included two Posse participants.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### 2023 BUILDING HOPE EDUCATION INNOVATION IMPACT AWARD WINNER

Building Hope recognized Legal Prep's legal-themed curriculum for its effectiveness in infusing critical thinking, reading comprehension and career exploration into the curriculum, so that students are college-ready when they graduate.



### Illinois Supreme Court Trip

Legal Prep Students joined St. Ignatius students for a behind-the-scenes tour of the court and met with the justices after an oral argument.

### The Blues Are Playing At Legal Prep

Legendary Blues Artist Billy Branch and the Chicago Blues Revival introduced music history and a blues band to Legal Prep. This one-of-a-kind program will continue in 2023-2024.

### Legal Prep Partners with Chicago SkyCares

William Barnard of Chicago SkyCares brought his "Serve Like A Pro" program to our freshmen, inspiring them to lead by example in their community. The students and staff also were invited to attend the Sky's Home Opener.



The Gardening Club



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## A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

Our students had summer adventures of a lifetime thanks to our community of supporters. These adventures included:

- Externships with Circuit Court Judges Brooks, Nixon, Perkins, and Schneider and Appellate Court Justices Lyle and Johnson.
- A two-week pre-college program at the University of Michigan - Go Blue!
- A three-week pre-law program at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School - Go Quakers!
- A week at summer camp in Wisconsin building leadership and team-work skills.



Students demonstrating their legal skills

## INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

We are looking for additional corporate and individual volunteers for the following programs:

- Sophomore Mock Trial
- Junior Debate
- Mentoring Program
- Guest Teaching

Learn more at: <https://www.legalprep.org> or contact Laura Miller at [lmiller@legalprep.org](mailto:lmiller@legalprep.org)

## PLANS FOR 2023 - 2024

**Deere Scholars Program** - Students will visit Deere's Chicago headquarters on a quarterly basis to learn the details of a product life cycle - from conception and design, through engineering and testing, to product launch and customer support.

**National Honor Society** - Legal Prep is now part of the National Honor Society. Students with the requisite academic credentials will be invited to join and participate in a variety of civic activities.

**Leadership Opportunities for Students** - Students who have excelled in their law program will be invited to become a T.A., where they can continue to advance their leadership and advocacy skills.

## YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Legal Prep Charter Academy must raise \$2,000 per student to cover the "funding gap" between the public funds received and the operational costs incurred to provide quality educational programming for our students.

Please consider donating at [www.legalprep.org](http://www.legalprep.org) or mailing your donation to Legal Prep Charter Academy, 4319 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60624

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