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NOBLE ENROLLMENT INCREASES BY 11 PERCENT IN ONE YEAR

Network increased enrollment to over 11,000 students

CHICAGO – The [Noble Network of Charter Schools](http://www.noblenetwork.org) announced today that enrollment at its 16 Chicago-area high schools has surpassed 11,000 students. As Chicago’s largest charter school network, Noble has grown to serve 11 percent more students than this time last year.

“We are excited to have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of so many Chicago-area students, many of whom have already gone on to succeed in college and their careers. This year we saw exciting growth at many of our campuses, including [ITW David Speer Academy](#), which welcomed more than 400 freshmen in response to outstanding demand from the community for a STEM-focused learning environment,” said Noble Superintendent and Founder Michael Milkie. “Looking ahead, we will continue to work with stakeholders, educators and the greater Chicago community to meet demand from families who want a high-quality public school option in their neighborhood.”

Since opening in 1999 with 126 students, Noble has graduated 6,500 students. These students have matriculated to University of Michigan, Howard University, Stanford University, University of Chicago and more. Nearly all of this year’s 1,500 graduates were accepted to a four-year university. More than 90 percent of those graduating enrolled in college this fall semester, directly contributing to the rising overall college enrollment rate in Chicago Public Schools.

“As we grow, we are excited to give an even greater number of Chicago students the opportunity to develop the focus and perseverance needed to drive successful college educations, careers and lives,” Milkie said.

Noble students, the majority of whom are minorities and from low-income communities, are three times more likely to earn a four-year college degree than their Chicago-area peers from low-income communities. In addition, according to all 2014 comparisons of middle and high school reading as well as math and science scores, Noble’s African American students ranked in the top 30 percent in Illinois when compared to African American students in the rest of the state, as noted by the [Broad Foundation](#) when awarding Noble with this year’s [Broad Prize for Public Charter Schools](#)

About Noble

Noble (www.noblenetwork.org) is Chicago’s largest and highest performing network of public high schools. Last year, Noble campuses were eight of the top 10 open enrollment public high schools in Chicago and more than 90 percent of graduates matriculated to college this year. Noble is a non-selective network serving more than 11,000 students throughout Chicago at 16 campuses. Noble campuses are located in some of Chicago’s highest need communities and serve a student population that is 89 percent low-income and 98 percent minority. As a public non-selective high school, there are no testing requirements for enrollment at any of Noble’s campuses.

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