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## **NOBLE SENDS HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES OFF TO COLLEGE FOR THE SUMMER**

*Over 800 Chicago students will have academic opportunities across the country at little or no cost through Summer of a Lifetime program*

CHICAGO – Sophomores at [Noble Network of Charter Schools](http://noblenetwork.org) will be starting college early in the coming months through [Summer of a Lifetime](http://noblenetwork.org). Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, the program will send 815 sophomores from 14 Noble campuses to 70 colleges across the country, including Stanford University and Princeton University, to take summer courses.

“Summer of a Lifetime gives our students the opportunity to further their academic careers in a safe and encouraging environment,” said Noble’s Summer of a Lifetime Executive Director Jill Levine. “Students return with more excitement for college and a new focus on their future, which results in 95 percent of Summer of a Lifetime participants going on to attend college.”

Since it was created in 1995, Summer of a Lifetime has sent nearly 3,000 Chicago sophomores to college. For many of this year’s 815 participants, the majority of whom are from low-income communities and African American or Latino, this will be the first time they are leaving their families and Chicago or flying on an airplane. All students participate in the Summer of a Lifetime program at little to no cost thanks to the generosity of hundreds of donors.

“College can seem like a distant prospect to high school students, but many of them don’t realize their college career starts the second they get to high school,” said Noble CEO and Superintendent Michael Milkie, who founded Summer of a Lifetime. “Preparing for college and life is an ongoing focus of our schools and Summer of a Lifetime helps demystify the experience. Students learn what college will be like so they can better adjust when they do attend two years later.”

All college programs are academically rigorous and include classes taught by college professors. Some programs, such as the Stanford University Summer Institutes, University of Dayton Women in Engineering Program, Harvard University Pre-College Program or Washington University in St. Louis Pre-Medical Institute, focus on specific college majors such as STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), journalism, law, philosophy and more.

On Wednesday, May 20 there will be a send-off and celebration for Summer of a Lifetime participants.

**WHO:** Over 800 students will come together with teachers, parents and Noble network leadership.

**WHAT:** A send-off will be held as a celebration of the students’ success participating in Summer of a Lifetime. All Students will come together and have the opportunity to meet others attending the same program before they head to colleges across the country.

**WHEN:** 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

**WHERE:** [Rowe Clark Math and Science Academy: 3645 W. Chicago Ave.](#)

To participate in Summer of a Lifetime and other college preparedness programs offered by Noble, students should apply to attend Noble schools. [Enrollment opportunities are available](#) at several Noble campuses for the 2015-16 school year. Spaces are being filled on a first come, first serve basis. If interested in additional enrollment information, please contact the Enrollment office at (773)278-6895.

***About Noble***

*Noble ([www.noblenetwork.org](http://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 10,000 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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