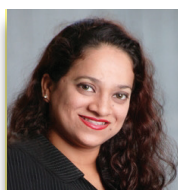


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## 2016 in Perspective

In this issue, we look forward to sharing with you many new initiatives already underway. Most recently, Concept Alumni Network (CAN) formed a new Chicago advisory board to serve the alumni of our two Chicago high schools (Chicago Math & Science Academy and HSA-McKinley Park).

The Cleveland CAN Board held its second meeting this month and has many plans for 2016. We will continue to form regional boards that are positioned to serve alumni in their own communities, and all CAN Boards will collaborate and support each other's efforts. We thank all of our distinguished board members for their leadership and for recognizing that Concept Schools' commitment to its students is not just K-12, it's K-Forever.

## New Mentorship Program Kicks Off in February

We are happy to announce the launch of the Concept Alumni Mentorship Program (CAMP). CAMP pairs experienced and successful professionals and community leaders with Concept alumni to help them set and achieve their life and career goals through real-world opportunities. This program begins in February this year and runs through the end of May. It will provide alumni participants with valuable job shadowing, networking opportunities, presentation and resume-building skills, professional references, and more. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the program. Registration begins February 8.



## Dozens of Scholarships Provided

This year CAN was able to award small scholarships to 43 alumni who qualified for college tuition assistance for the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters. We are committed to helping Concept alumni succeed in college and are constantly looking for ways to support them. We are hoping to be able to offer more scholarships for the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters if we are able to raise more funds. More outreach efforts are underway to help us achieve this goal.



## CAN CCNA Certification Program Is Underway

Seven HSA Cleveland High School alumni received full scholarships to a 2-part CCNA certification class offered at the Advanced Technology Training Center at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). Classes began January 19 and will conclude March 17, with the Cisco Certified Network Associate certification test taking place in late March. Tri-C has graciously offered job-placement assistance to program participants. We are thrilled to be able to offer our alumni this intensive cohort program in an in-demand information technology field with the generous support of the Suerland Foundation. More information about the CCNA program can be found [here](#).



## Put a Face to the Name in Alumni Spotlight

Ellen Hoffman, HSA Toledo, Class of 2012, University of Findlay, PR Major

Since August, we have been highlighting the great accomplishments of our alumni each week. So far we have shared stories of 23 Concept alumni. We're always proud to share their success stories and help alumni stay in touch with one another after graduation. You can find an archive of all our Alumni Spotlights on the CAN [website](#).



## University Study of Concept Alumni

Lindenwood University is currently conducting a research study about the post-high school experiences of Concept alumni. The purpose of the study is to learn more about the alumni we serve so we can focus on what they need most. Last week CAN sent an online survey to all Concept alumni, and their answers will be an important part of the study data. Surveys are due March 1, after which interviews of several Concept alumni will be conducted. We look forward to sharing our findings and future plans.



Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase."  
—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Remembered by Diana Owusu  
HSA Columbus, Class of 2014

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