



## Concept Schools Classes of 2016 Headed for Greatness

420 students from the 10 high schools in the Concept network graduated this spring.

It is with great pleasure that we both congratulate on their high school graduation and welcome to the Concept Alumni Network (CAN). As one Concept teacher said recently, CAN is much more than a network; it takes the meaning of "alumni network" to a whole new level.



## New Pharmacy Tech Cohort Program in Columbus

Concept Alumni Network will be partnering with Columbus State Community College's Multi-Skilled Health Department to offer a 16-week cohort program for Concept alumni to earn their national pharmacy technician certification. Similar Career Training Programs for our alumni are in place at Tri-C in Cleveland and for health care and IT fields with more on the way as we continue to seek opportunities to prepare Concept Alumni for in-demand careers at an affordable rate in 2016-2017 school year. [Read more](#)



## 8 Graduating Classes Gather at First-Ever CMSA Gala

On June 2, 2016 it was standing room only at the Hilton Garden Inn Evanston for the first-ever Chicago Math & Science Academy (CMSA) Alumni Dinner Gala, celebrating 8 graduating classes starting from 2009. This "Night to Remember" was organized by the CMSA Alumni Council, led by Michelle Lopez.



As if that wasn't enough, a silent auction was held with all proceeds will go to the Concept Alumni Network CMSA Scholarship Fund. Concept Schools' very own alumnus, Chicago Bears Safety #29 Harold Jones-Quartey, 2010 graduate of Horizon Science Academy Columbus, signed footballs for the silent auction and spread his message about how hard work and believing in your dreams against all odds pays off. "It doesn't matter where you from....it's up to you and hard work! With your family, you can make things happen." Watch the video [here!](#)



## Concept Alumni Mentorship Program Grows, Offers Scholarships

We have a growing number of mentors and mentees registered for the Concept Alumni Mentorship Program (CAMP), including a truly impressive array of mentors from doctors, lawyers, real estate managers, and much more. The program will officially begin this fall, and we are pleased to announce that CAN will provide a \$1000 scholarship per year to mentees for their participation. This program pairs professionals with Concept alumni who are currently attending college and looking for academic, career and personal growth opportunities and advice.



## Leaders Step Up As Concept Alumni College Liaisons

As a growing number alumni embark on their college journey, CAN is there to support them; but we recognize that having a support network on campus will be more of a direct help. That's why we've begun appointing Concept alumni with leadership and

volunteer experience to serve as the Concept alumni liaison at their own colleges universities. These liaisons will help their fellow alumni navigate all that their school has to offer, provide social support, and help communicate all that CAN has to offer alumni.

## Coming Soon: CAN E-Zine

Recognizing the creative potential of so many of our alumni, we are working on a brand new e-zine that will feature creative writing, reporting, original photography, artwork, and more from our own Concept alumni. The e-zine will be run and created by Concept alumni for Concept alumni. We already have several alumni signed up to be on the editorial board. If you are interested in serving on the board or submitting an article, please contact us at [alumni@conceptschoools.org](mailto:alumni@conceptschoools.org).



## Employment Opportunities at Concept Schools

As the 2016-2017 school year approaches, there are several employment opportunities at the 30 schools in the Concept network ranging from teaching to administrative roles. Concept Alumni are encouraged to browse open positions and apply directly through the Concept Alumni Network website on the [Employment page](#).

## Quick Links

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[www.conceptalumni.com](http://www.conceptalumni.com)



## NPL Scholarship Deadline Is August 1

New Plan Learning (NPL), a facilities management company, will be awarding \$500 scholarships for the Fall 2016 academic session to 25 students who have graduated from one of the high schools that are NPL-supported schools. These scholarships are to be used for the Fall 2016 academic session to pay for books, student and/or lab fees, or college/university tuition. All individuals who are either alumni of one of the NPL supported high schools or currently enrolled on one of the NPL supported high schools and either are currently enrolled in a college/university or who will be entering as a freshman in Fall 2016 are encouraged to apply.

[Click here](#) for more details.