



CHICAGO

Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

City Year's Model for Student & Civic Growth



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FROM THE BEGINNING...



MY PATH TO CITY YEAR



From The Principal: Valencia Koker

As the principal of McNair School of Excellence, it is with great humility and honor that I embrace the opportunity to serve the



CITY YEAR PURPOSE AND MISSION

Purpose:

To create the conditions for young people to reach their potential

Mission:

To advance educational equity by supporting students furthest from opportunity and to develop diverse leaders through national service who can work across lines of difference

Schools that partner with City Year are up to two to three times more likely to improve on state English and Math assessments

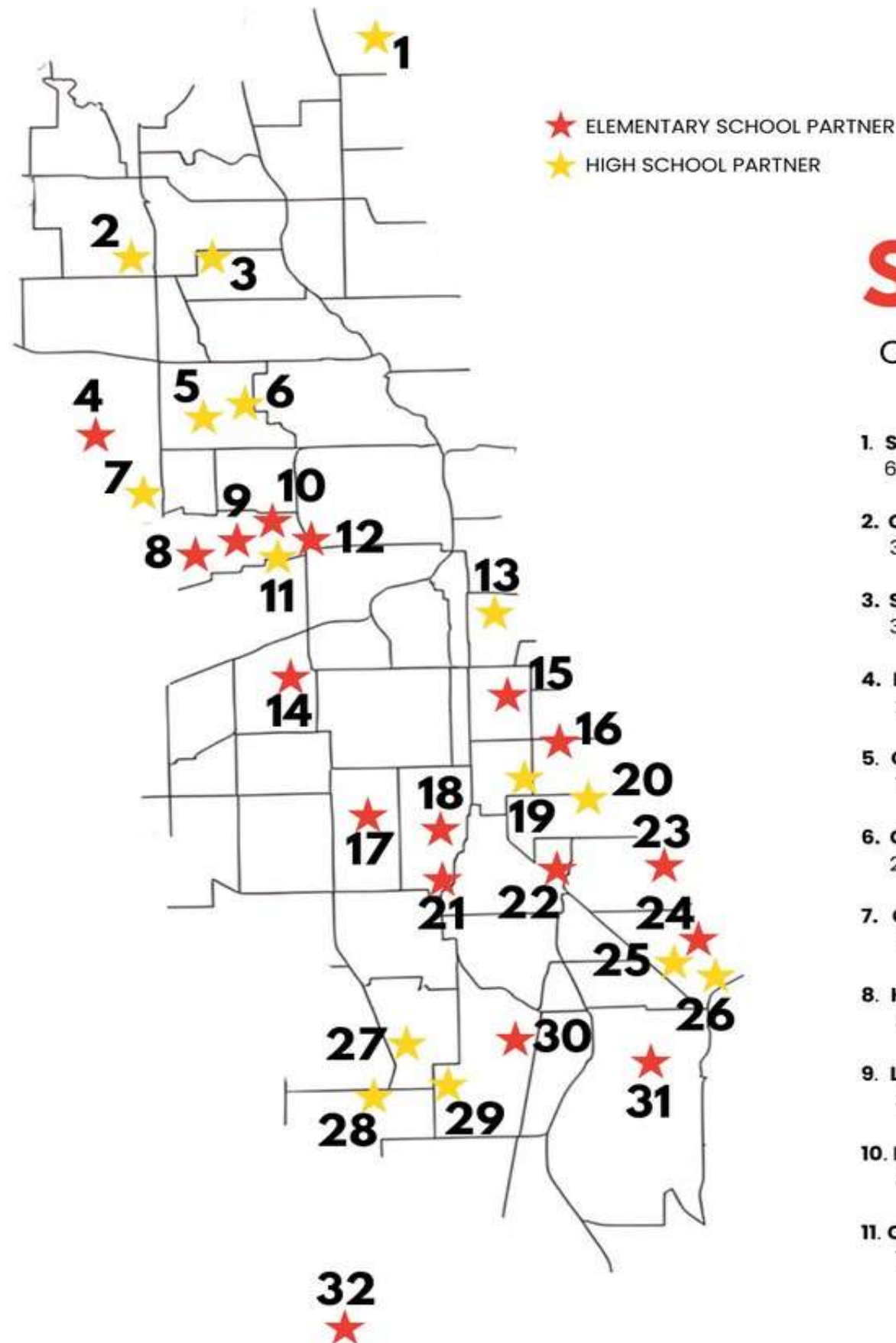


NATIONAL IMPACT



- 29 cities
- 60 districts
- 442 schools
- 200,000 students across the country
- 2 international sites in London and South Africa

CHICAGO IMPACT



SCHOOL PARTNERS

CITY YEAR CHICAGO • ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

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| 1. Sullivan High School
6631 N Bosworth Ave. | 12. Chalmers Elementary
2745 W Roosevelt Rd. | 23. Powell Elementary
7511 S South Shore Dr. |
| 2. Chicago Academy HS
3400 N. Austin Ave. | 13. Dunbar High School
3000 S King Dr. | 24. Coles Elementary
8441 S Yates Blvd. |
| 3. Schurz High School
3601 N. Milwaukee Ave. | 14. Nathan Davis ES
3014 W 39th Pl. | 25. CVCA High School
2100 E 87th St. |
| 4. Ellington Elementary
243 N. Parkside Ave. | 15. Farmer Elementary
4214 S St. Lawrence Ave. | 26. Bowen High School
2710 E 89th St. |
| 5. Orr Academy HS
730 N Pulaski Rd. | 16. Ariel Elementary
1119 E 46th St. | 27. Percy Julian HS
10330 S Elizabeth St. |
| 6. ChiArts High School
2714 W Augusta Blvd. | 17. Earle Elementary
2040 W 62nd St. | 28. Morgan Park HS
1744 W Pryor Ave. |
| 7. Clark Magnet HS
5101 W Harrison St. | 18. Kershaw Elementary
6450 S Lowe Ave. | 29. Fenger HS
11220 S Wallace St. |
| 8. Herzl Elementary
3711 W Douglas Blvd. | 19. Dyett High School
555 E 51st St. | 30. Wendell Smith ES
744 E 103rd St. |
| 9. Lawndale Elementary
3500 W Douglas Blvd. | 20. Hyde Park HS
6220 Stony Island Ave. | 31. Orville T Bright ES
10740 S Calhoun Ave. |
| 10. Kellman Elementary
3030 W Arthington St. | 21. King Elementary
644 W 71st St. | 32. Parker Junior High
2810 School St.
(Flossmoor) |
| 11. Collins Academy HS
1313 S Sacramento Dr. | 22. James Madison ES
7433 S Dorchester Ave. | |



220+
AmeriCorps
Members
(ACMs)



32 Partner
Schools*



14,000+
Students

*31 Chicago Public Schools & Parker Junior High School



OUR WORK

Deploying diverse, trained teams of **6-8 AmeriCorps members who serve full time in schools as student success coaches**—tutors, mentors and role models who are uniquely positioned to connect with and support students.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL GROWTH

67% of focus list students showed growth over the course of the year

It's more than building positive relationships with students, it is helping students to believe in themselves and develop the necessary skills to overcome obstacles.

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION

85% of students who began on track in ELA and math successfully maintained their progress

Helping students remain on track to graduate through improved course performance, attendance and behavior with a focus on high-dosage tutoring, mentoring and small group instruction.

ENRICHMENT & ENGAGEMENT

38% of focus list students moved to on-track average daily attendance

By leading after school programs and organizing activities that improve the overall school culture, our corps members create environments for students to thrive.

OUR CORPS

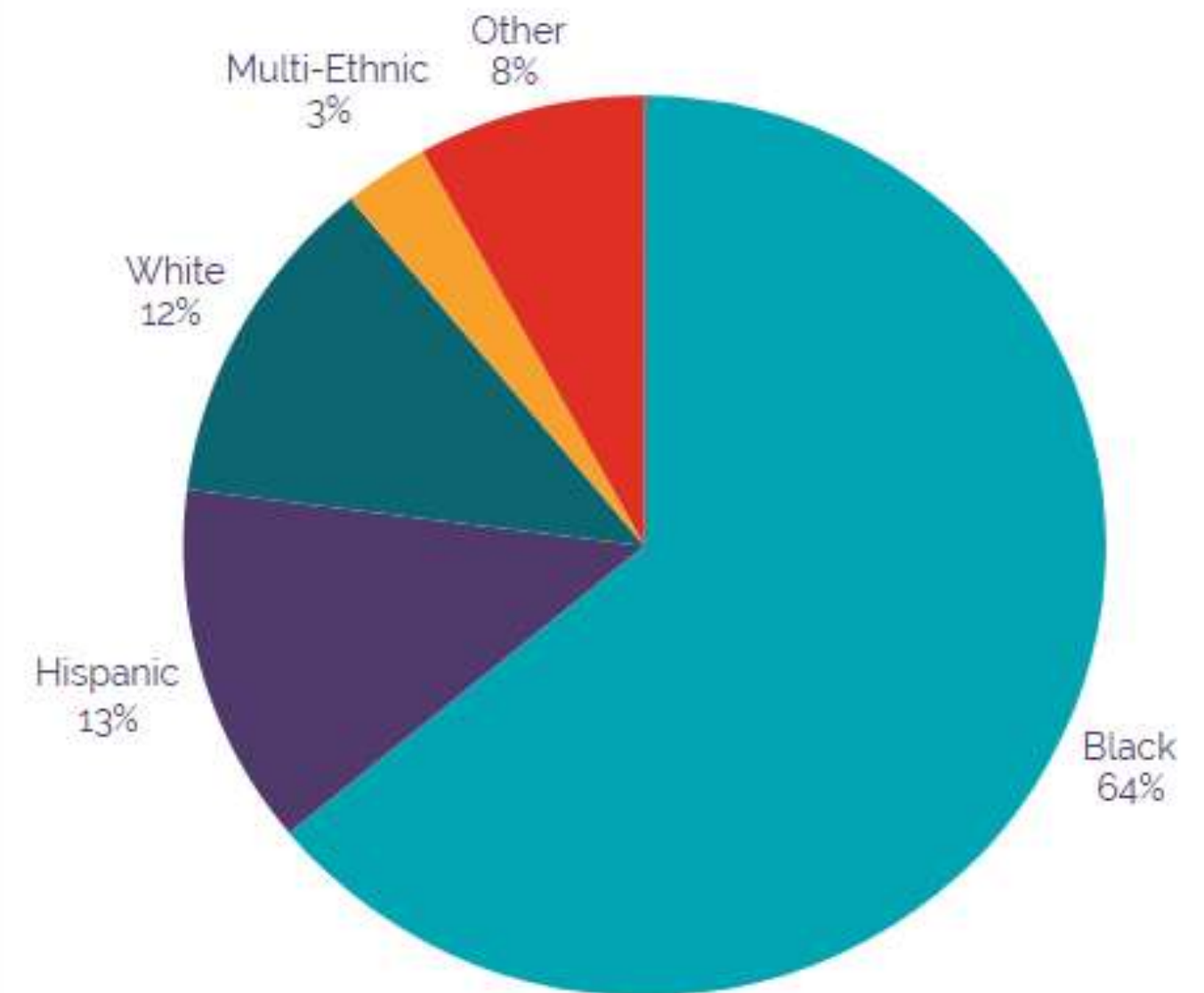
City Year Chicago AmeriCorps members, ages 18-25, who serve as Student Success Coaches and deliver individualized and school-wide programming that promotes academic achievement and behavioral growth.

Demographics

76% are Chicago natives

Average age is 22

37% have a Bachelor's Degree



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

City Year believes young people, regardless of background, should have access to the knowledge, skills and opportunities to thrive in career, college and life.

SKILLS GAP IS WIDENING

75% of young people lack opportunities to build the skills related to careers they aspire to, while employers face a shortage of the workforce readiness and life skills like communication, teamwork and critical thinking.

City Year helps young people strengthen the skills most in demand by employers. Below are the percentage of City Year alumni who report they developed these top skills during service.



Using data
and analytics
93%



Conflict
resolution
87%



Understanding
issue root
causes
86%



Leading a
team
86%



Relationship
management
78%

LIFE AFTER CITY YEAR (LACY)

City Year is leading the charge as an innovative workforce development program to reduce the cost of college, fuel the workforce with capable leaders and generate a pipeline of educators to help students succeed.

44% have chosen to return for a second or third year of service.

18% entering the education field, including teacher residencies, full-time teaching roles, and counseling positions.

19% are continuing their education as full-time students.



OUR ALUMNI

45%

more likely to be civically engaged or belong to a community organization.

30,000

alumni are leading and serving in a wide range of professions, including business, law, health, corporate social responsibility, government and public policy.

94%

agree that their City Year experience had a significant positive impact on their lives.

47%

of City Year alumni work in the education sector.

CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

Panelists



GRACE ANDERS
CYBER SECURITY ANALYST
DELOITTE



JEREMIAH POPE
ENERGY EFFICIENCY INSTRUCTOR
PEOPLES GAS



CONNOR GOODWIN
PARALEGAL
LEGAL AID CHICAGO



EBONY CLINCY
HIGH SCHOOL BRIDGE COUNSELOR
CHICAGO JESUIT ACADEMY



LEN ROBINSON
INSTRUCTIONAL COACH
CHICAGO JESUIT ACADEMY

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