

## Partnering with DMSF

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Every young person, regardless of their zipcode or family's financial situation, deserves a chance to thrive academically, socially and emotionally at a high school of their choice.

Your support provides Murphy Scholars with **access** and **opportunity**.

High quality education at college prep high schools, paired with responsive programming, results in success. We invite you to join our community in support of Murphy Scholars.







## Our Impacts

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### BY THE NUMBERS

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500

CURRENT MURPHY SCHOLARS

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87%

COLLEGE PERSISTENCE—  
GRADUATION WITHIN SIX YEARS  
OF ENROLLMENT

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2,200

MURPHY SCHOLAR ALUMNI

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80

PARTNER SCHOOLS

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\$37,800

IS THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME  
OF A MURPHY SCHOLAR FAMILY

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### THE CLASS OF 2022

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3.4

CUMULATIVE GPA

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100%

OF SCHOLARS WHO APPLIED WERE  
ACCEPTED TO FOUR YEAR COLLEGES

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96%

ENROLLED IN A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE

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\$4M+

TOTAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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67%

ARE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY  
TO ATTEND COLLEGE

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## Our Programs

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The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund is proud of our decades-long history of providing 2,200 Chicago area students with financial assistance to attend outstanding college preparatory high schools. But we do more than just unlock access to quality education. DMSF also invests in ***Programs that Promote Persistence*** that provide academic and social emotional support, assist with college placement, and set Scholars on the path to a secure, life-changing economic future. Our programs start before our Scholars begin their first day of high school and continue through the challenges of high school, the college application process, the rigor of college, and as our alumni pursue rewarding careers.

**DMSF's suite of *Programs that Promote Persistence* encourages the success of all Murphy Scholars by providing responsive programming and tailored support throughout the year.**

### Summer Bridge

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To prepare newly-admitted Murphy Scholars for the rigorous, college-preparatory environment of our partner schools, each incoming freshman Scholar must attend a two-week workshop, Summer Bridge, the summer before they enter high school. Summer Bridge classes focus on Language, Writing, Math, Leadership, Habits and Strategies, and Wellness. All classes build a variety of key skills as Scholars enter high school including self-advocacy, time management and organization, note-taking, setting boundaries, and self-care, while developing each Scholar's leadership voice and style. The two weeks culminate with Scholar debates, a talent show, and final celebration. DMSF staff and partner organizations collaborate to deliver the most relevant and responsive instruction during the Summer Bridge program.

### Mentoring and Affinity Groups

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For many Murphy Scholars, the high school experience requires emotional, academic, and social adjustments. To help ensure their success, DMSF matches Scholars who request a mentor with dedicated individuals who serve as confidants and advisors. Mentors and Scholars communicate regularly and meet at least once each quarter. Some Scholars participate in Affinity Groups, our group mentoring program. Qualified and relatable Murphy Scholar alumni serve as facilitators for groups of 12-17 Scholars. Affinity Groups meet every other weekend during the school year, providing a safe space for peer-to-peer discussions on the issues that affect many Murphy Scholars and are central to their identity.



## Professional Tutoring



DMSF requires that all Scholars maintain at least a 3.0 GPA. To help ensure that our Scholars meet and surpass this obligation, DMSF makes professional in-person and virtual tutoring available to them. The Andy David Tutoring Center, opened in the DMSF office in 2015, is staffed by professional tutors two afternoons every week. Since the pandemic, tutoring has been offered virtually as well. Ninety-three percent of Murphy Scholars who participated in tutoring reported that it helped improve their grades in the subject areas covered.

## Caddie Program



Each summer, up to 140 Scholars participate in our Caddie Program. While caddying at a local country club for the summer, Scholars earn spending money and gain job experience. Participating caddies live in college dormitories and experience independence away from home. By caddying for three summers, Murphy Scholars become eligible to apply for the Chick Evans Scholarship, a full-tuition and housing college scholarship sponsored by the Western Golf Association. There have been over 330 Murphy Scholars named Evans Scholars since the program's inception.

## College Counseling



To help both Scholars and their families navigate the college selection and application processes, DMSF has implemented a four-year college counseling curriculum led by a full-time College Counselor. The program is designed to equip each Murphy Scholar with resources to find their "best college fit" academically, financially, culturally, and socially. The curriculum includes college tours and seminars to discuss different types of schools, scholarship opportunities, and types of financial aid. Murphy Scholars are offered and encouraged ACT/SAT prep classes that are held virtually. Once Scholars have identified the colleges they would like to attend, our College Counselor works with families to secure the financial aid they need to ensure their ability to complete college.

## Alumni Affairs



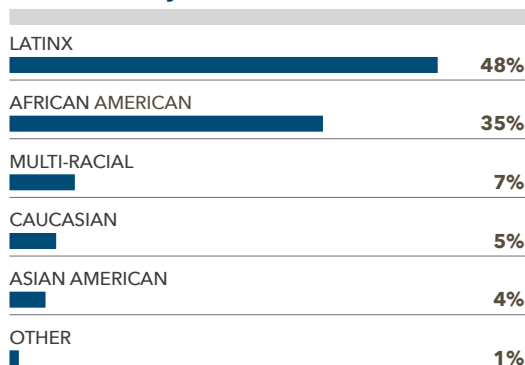
After high school graduation, DMSF continues to provide programming for our alumni in college and pursuing careers. The central goals of this programming are to maintain positive relationships, support alumni enrolled in college, and ensure meaningful placement for their professional careers. Post-secondary programming includes social activities, workshops on college majors and careers, and internship opportunities.

## Our Scholars

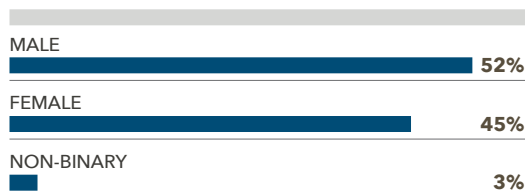
**DMSF serves approximately 500 students in grades 9-12.**

DMSF serves Chicago-land area Scholars. Our Scholars come from every corner of Chicago with **73 of the city's 77 community areas represented** including many which score highest on the city's hardship index including Austin, Chicago Lawn, Humboldt Park, and South Lawndale.

### Race/Ethnicity



### Gender



### Income

**The median household income of a Murphy Scholar family is \$37,800, well below the Chicago median of \$58,247.**

Moreover, the median household income in some of the census tracts where our Scholars reside is below \$25,000.

## Our Partners

DMSF partners with dozens of college preparatory high schools in Chicago and boarding schools across the country. We work together to match Scholars to best fit institutions and to keep the financial burden Scholars' families must bear to a minimum so they can remain enrolled for all four years. The partner schools where the highest number of Murphy Scholars are currently enrolled include:

- **De La Salle Institute**
- **Fenwick High School**
- **Latin School of Chicago**
- **Marist High School**
- **St. Ignatius College Prep**

DMSF partners with leading Chicago-based educational programs to deliver communications and executive functioning skills workshops during our freshman Summer Bridge program. We partner with:

- **Language Empowers All People (LEAP)**
- **Educational Endeavors**

DMSF maintains effective relationships with other scholarship granting organizations, including Big Shoulders, HFS Chicago Scholars, and High Jump.



**Partnering with DMSF** offers endless possibilities for Murphy Scholars. Our ability to support academically strong students with limited economic resources starts with generous gifts from committed individuals and companies.

We rely on the Chicago community to help us ignite potential that might otherwise go unrecognized, and to create a world of promise for hardworking students.



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Igniting potential. Enriching lives.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support Murphy Scholars, please visit [www.dmsf.org/donate](http://www.dmsf.org/donate) or contact [alina@dmsf.org](mailto:alina@dmsf.org).

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