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Our Mission

The mission of Chicago International Charter School (CICS) is to provide, through innovation and choice, an attractive and rigorous college-preparatory education that meets the needs of today's students.

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CICS Welcomes Elizabeth Shaw as CEO

[Read her note to CICS students, families, teachers, and staff:](#)

A Word from Our New CEO

Greetings, Students, Families, Teachers, and Staff –

Last week I took the helm as CICS's new CEO, and I am thrilled to be here. I bring to CICS energy, experience, and a deep commitment to ensuring all students have the opportunity to succeed in college, careers, and life. I have spent my career working for students and families as a teacher, instructional coach, district- and state-level leader, and policy leader. A native Chicagoan and former CPS student myself, I am passionate about improving education in our city and providing great schools for Chicago's students.

CICS is a dedicated and talented network of students, families, and educators, and I am grateful to join you. I plan to support the great work already underway in our schools and move our network forward. The CICS network and our students have bright futures and boundless potential. Together, we will work in partnership to ensure that all CICS students – present and future – have the opportunities they deserve.

I will spend the coming weeks and months listening and learning so I can better understand and serve CICS students, families, schools, and communities. I look forward to hearing from you, meeting you, and keeping you updated on the progress of our CICS schools.

My role is to serve, so please call on me to do so. You may reach me by phone ([312-651-5000](tel:312-651-5000)) or email (eshaw@chicagointl.org).

Onward and upward!

Best,



Elizabeth



CICS West Belden Featured for Personalized Learning Model

CICS West Belden's unique and engaging personalized learning model has been featured in two education publications!

Through the [Blended and Personalized Learning Practices at Work](#) project, the Learning Accelerator team spent time reviewing CICS West Belden's strategies and approaches to promoting student growth.

On the Education Post, several students and staff are featured in a [new article](#) on how CICS West Belden's personalized learning model dramatically changed each classroom and the activities within.

[Read More](#)

CICS Wrightwood Community Recognizes New 8th Grade Class

Congratulations to the young men and women entering 8th grade at CICS Wrightwood! As in years past, the male scholars participated in the "Tied to Greatness" ceremony with their peers, families, and school staff. The young men received ties as a marker of their new responsibilities as eighth-graders and reflected on the power of strong self-image.

The young women of the eighth-grade class similarly received strands of pearls as part of the "Pearls of Wisdom" ceremony attended by their peers and families. Also in attendance was Ms. Kathryn Welch, a representative from State Senator Jacqueline Collins' office. Thank you to all of the community members who recognized the new eighth-graders at CICS Wrightwood. We cannot wait to see what these scholars will accomplish this year!

Updated Student and Family Resources

Please view our updated *CICS Code of Conduct* and *Students in Temporary Living Situations (STLS) Policy* on our [Students and Families](#) page.

Thank You to Our Donors

Thank you to those who have given in support of our scholars! These donors have generously contributed to CICS and made a difference in and outside of the classroom.

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-Sept. 29: CICS Longwood Open House

-Sept. 29: CICS Lloyd Bond Open House

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