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We are CICS and We are Committed to Greatness

Our mission is to provide, through innovation and choice, an attractive and rigorous college-preparatory education that meets the needs of today's students. Operating 16, K-12 campuses across Chicago and Rockford, IL and serving over 9,000 scholars.



CICS ChicagoQuest Students Plan to Improve Their Neighborhoods

Through the [Regenerate Chicago Neighborhoods](#) project, CICS ChicagoQuest freshmen came up with proposals to improve their neighborhoods with projects related to their own interests and experience. At an open house, students shared their proposals with leaders in the education and political fields, urban planners, aldermanic representatives, as well as friends and family. Students were able to learn about urban planning and civic engagement while practicing their presentation skills and advocating for change. [Read More](#)

CICS Scholars Participate in "Louder Than a Bomb" Poetry Competition



CICS congratulates several scholars from CICS

CICS Scholar Wins at Illinois State Gymnastics Competition



Washington Park and CICS ChicagoQuest who participated in the 2015 "Louder Than a Bomb" Chicago slam poetry competition. We are so proud that our scholars were able to participate!

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We are proud to say that CICS Wrightwood 8th grader Cyrus M placed 1st in his level at the Illinois State Gymnastics Competition! Cyrus now qualifies for the regional competition held this month. We wish him luck! [Read More](#)

CICS Ralph Ellison Welcomes CICS Wrightwood Students



Staff and students from CICS Ralph Ellison visited CICS Wrightwood to visit to personally congratulate each CICS Wrightwood student accepted into Ellison. The students were elated and pleasantly surprised to be presented with gifts and student visits! They are excited to start 9th grade at CICS Ralph Ellison this fall.

CICS Student Accepted to US Coast Guard



Congratulations to Ambrosia K, who will be joining the United States Coast Guard after she graduates from CICS Northtown Academy this year! Read [an article by Ambrosia](#) about her acceptance and plans for the future.

CICS Scholars Participate in Mock Trial Competition



Seniors in the CICS Northtown Academy Law class participated in the 2015 Chicago Coalition for Law Related Education (CCLRE) Mock Trial Competition. The Mock Trial Team advanced to the Team Competition Final Round, and had one student, Emily S, selected as an individual finalist! Emily will compete for the final trial with students from seven other Chicago schools on April 22nd. Good luck! [Read More](#)

More Stories from CICS Northtown Academy:

[Accenture and International Women's Day](#)

[CICS Northtown Academy Culture Fest](#)

Inter-school Basketball Tournament



Teams from four Distinctive Schools (CICS Irving Park, CICS Prairie, CICS West Belden, and CICS Bucktown) travelled to CICS Northtown Academy for their first-ever basketball tournament! The boys team from CICS Irving Park and the girls team from CICS Prairie were the ultimate winners, though everyone had a great time! [Read More](#)

INCS Recognizes Two Teachers in CICS Schools

As part of their "Teacher Appreciation Week", Illinois Network of Charter Schools (INCS) recognized two outstanding teachers working in CICS schools. Thank you to [Ms. Cajigas](#) from CICS West Belden and [Ms. Scott](#) from CICS Basil for your hard work and dedication! We are thankful to have teachers like you working with our CICS scholars.

CICS Loomis Primary to Receive One Fund Award

For the second consecutive year, CICS Loomis Primary will participate in Emerald City Theatre's "One Fund" program which brings free books and a performance to the school. Congratulations to CICS Loomis Primary, and thank you to Emerald City Theatre for making this program possible! [More on CICS Loomis and the One Fund Program](#)

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Thank You to our Donors

With the support of these generous organizations and individuals, CICS is working towards our goal of raising \$1 a day in honor of every child in our network. This additional support will enable us to ensure that [Every Child, Every Day](#) is prepared for the rigor of a college education. **For a full list of donors, view our [Midyear Donor Review](#).**

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Calendar

Please review our calendar for more. Here are a few highlighted events:

- April 8, 15, 22, 19: CICS Jackson Open House
- April 11: Parent Power Chicago Summer Program Fair
- May 12: CICS Board of Directors Meeting



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