



AIM HIGHLIGHTS

Achievers Explore! Aim High's Field Trips

Aim High Achievers from all three sites headed out for an exciting day off campus last Friday. Our sixth graders went to the St. Louis Zoo and enjoyed the sea lion show, while our seventh grade Achievers explored the City Museum. The eighth graders went to Springfield and visited the Lincoln Museum. Our ninth graders traveled all the way to Memphis and had the opportunity to see the National Civil Rights Museum. As you can see below, our Achievers all had amazing trips filled with opportunities to learn and lots of fun!



6th Grade Achievers at St. Louis Zoo



7th Grade Achievers at City Museum





8th Grade Achievers at the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL



9th Grade Achievers at the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN

Site Director Spotlight - Alex Clark



What is your favorite part of working at Aim High?

My favorite part of Aim High is most definitely the kids. They come to Aim High on the first day with a smile on their face and the smile never disappears throughout the five-week session.

It's such a different learning experience for them and they are so excited to be here. It's such a powerful sight to see. It's why we all got into education to begin with.

How has teaching for Aim High impacted your life?

My first summer teaching at Aim High was after my first full year of teaching. I was able to learn from a variety of teachers on how to collaborate, how to differentiate instruction, how to utilize my TA's, and how to make learning much more active and engaging. I was able to bring that practice back to my school as I continued my growth as a teacher.

Why did you want to work as a site director?

I wanted to work as Site Director because it gives me a better opportunity to make an impact on more of the students at Aim High. As a teacher, I was able to build very close relationships with my students but there were other students in other grades that fell under my radar. I graduated with my Administration degree a few years ago and one of the main concepts I learned was how to build reliable systems - systems that keep kids coming back each year, systems for helping teachers grow, and systems for dealing with everyday occurrences.

What makes the Aim High program so special?

Aim High is special because of the impact that it has on each one of our students. Some students have never experienced the world outside of their neighborhood until they came to John Burroughs, Villa Duchesne, or Priory. It's a game changer for a lot of students because it pushes them to excel in their schools. One of my favorite things about Aim High is the students who graduate and come back during their summers to volunteer as TAs. It's so encouraging to watch those who went through the program give back to it.

YOP Tax Credit Extension



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We have received approval for an extension for YOP Tax Credits through June 30th, 2017. YOP, or Youth Opportunity Program, tax credits enable supporters of Aim High to receive a tax credit in addition to their normal deduction. For more information, please call Natalie Hartwig at (314) 432-9500 or email nhartwig@aimhighstl.org.

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**Last Chance to Sign Up!
Friends and Family Days are Tomorrow and Wednesday.**



Please visit us this summer for Friends and Family Day!
St. Louis Priory School July 19th 9am-10am
John Burroughs School July 19th 11am-12pm
Villa Duchesne School July 20th 10am-11am

Connect with an Aim High Achiever and learn more about the impact of Aim High!

For more information contact Natalie Hartwig at (314) 432-9500 ext. 1002.

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