

YEAR

IN REVIEW

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Legal Prep welcomed its inaugural class of National Honor Society members in 2024.

These honor students participated in a variety of civic activities, including service projects with Allstate Ins. Co, creating personal hygiene kits for Nourishing Hope, and with the Greater Food Depository, packing food boxes for the elderly.



ROBERT BARZ NAMED OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

In December, Legal Prep’s own Robert Barz was named Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year by the Illinois Network of Charter Schools. Mr. Barz’s award from the Illinois Network of Charter Schools marks the second time one of Legal Prep’s faculty has been recognized by the INCS. Barz’s steadfast commitment to Legal Prep’s values, as well as his dedication to his students, led to unanimous support by the faculty for his nomination.

FAST FACTS

- First and **only** legal-themed public high school in Illinois.
- Only public high school in West Garfield Park.
- 100% diverse student body with a 95+% graduation rate.
- All students participate in college visits.
- 93% of seniors receive college acceptance letters.
- 80% will be **first generation college students**.
- School's charter renewed for 4 years.

LEGAL-THEMED CURRICULUM

- Students take substantive law classes each year.
- Students develop legal skills through monthly sessions with law firms and corporations.
- Guest speakers visit monthly to discuss social justice topics.
- PILI and CVLS partner with Legal Prep to offer a monthly law clinic for the community.
- Students receive up to 12 hours of dual college credit through the law program.



HELLO SUMMER!

- Students attending university summer programs.
- Students serving as judicial interns.
- Students attending leadership camp.
- Students participating in After School Matters.

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We are looking for additional corporate and individual volunteers for the following programs:

- Junior Debate
- **Senior Mapping Your Future**
- Mentoring Program
- Guest Teaching

Learn more at:

<https://www.legalprep.org>
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OUR INAUGURAL DEERE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This year saw a group of students representing every grade level embark on Legal Prep's inaugural Deere Scholars Program. Over the course of multiple sessions throughout the school year, students travelled to John Deere's corporate headquarters in the West Loop to learn STEM, Marketing, and Business skills from professional mentors, culminating in a field trip to an industrial-sized farm in Illinois, operated with cutting-edge John Deere technology.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Legal Prep Charter Academy must raise **\$2,000 per student** to cover the "funding gap" between the public funds received and the operational costs incurred to provide quality educational programming for our students.

Please consider donating at www.legalprep.org or mailing your donation to Legal Prep Charter Academy, 4319 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60624



IL APPELLATE COURT TRIP

Students were invited to attend a special reception at the First Appellate Court for the State of Illinois. This event was hosted by the Illinois Judicial Council, the premier judicial organization composed primarily of African-American judges and judicial officers of the state of Illinois. Students had the opportunity to learn about the Illinois judicial system and careers in the law, as well as to meet the judges individually and in small groups.