



Adrienne ★ DIERCKS Scholarship Fund

RECIPIENT:
Victoria Green

Since 6th grade, Victoria has taken advantage of many of the special programs offered by Project SUCCESS, including the Project SUCCESS-produced school musicals, week-long BWCA canoe trips and college tours, in addition to participating in the monthly in-class goal-setting workshops and attending the theater with her family. Now a senior at Southwest High School, she has been accepted to three Chicago colleges, all schools she visited on a Project SUCCESS tour with the help of the Adrienne Diercks Scholarship Fund.

“Project SUCCESS has been a role model, a hero, and most importantly a friend in my life for about 6 years now. I’ve been involved with Project SUCCESS since my 6th grade year at Anwatin Middle School, where they changed my life. I had always wanted to be involved in acting, singing and dancing; however, I never really had the courage to audition. Project SUCCESS saw real potential in shy little me and encouraged me to audition for *Suessical* and I was cast as a Bird Girl. I had one of the greatest experiences of my life.” — *Victoria Green*

College Tours This school year alone, Project SUCCESS has brought 438 high school students on over 30 campus tours throughout Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, with plans to tour five more campuses before June. So far, students have been awarded \$16,000 in scholarship support to participate. Of all high school students who participated in Project SUCCESS college tours, 92% found them valuable:*

- “The college tours really opened my eyes to helping me get to where I want to be.”
- “[Project SUCCESS] help with college, college tours, college counseling has been invaluable to me and my college future.”
- “Because of [Project SUCCESS], I found my college and established my future.”

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Experience Seventy-one students participated in the 2010 BWCA Experience, and 48 were awarded an Adrienne Diercks Scholarship in order to participate. This year, 2011, Project SUCCESS has expanded the program to 98 spaces for students in eight schools — many of the new schools we have added have high rates of students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch — and we anticipate the scholarship need to increase.

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Project SUCCESS is a youth-development organization that works with students over a seven-year period, from middle school through high school, to help them develop life-skills that can transform their lives. Through our goal-setting workshops, theater experiences, and special programming/services, students learn to make informed choices and plan for meaningful futures. We are proud to serve over 10,600 young people in both Minneapolis and Saint Paul.