

# University of Chicago

All parent volunteers are strongly encouraged to complete an Office of Special Programs-College Prep Parent Survey of Volunteer Interest. This form is available in our main office.



*If you are not a parent volunteer, you could be the piece we are missing to make this program whole.*

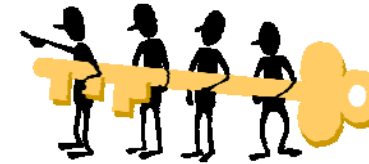
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## PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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*Please review and consider volunteering for one or more opportunities.*

## Why should I volunteer?

You should get involved in your child's activities because statistics prove that doing so will be good for your child. According to Anne Henderson (as quoted in *A New Generation of Evidence: The family is critical to student achievement*), dozens of studies all scientifically support the same conclusion: "Programs designed with strong parent involvement produce students who perform better than otherwise identical programs that do not involve parents as thoroughly, or that do not involve them at all. Schools that relate well to their communities have student bodies that outperform other schools. Children whose parents help them at home and stay in touch with the school score higher than children of similar aptitude and family background whose parents are not involved."

PARENTS, WE NEED YOU!



## Volunteer Opportunities!

1. **Tutor:** We never have enough tutors for our students. If you can speak and write another language (other than English), have a clear understanding of Algebra to Calculus and/or science. Your assistance is needed.
2. **Administrator's Aid:** Help teachers with clerical work, assist with science experiments, art projects, listen to students read, proctor exams, etc.
3. **Event Support:** Help secure corporate donations, decorate, advertise functions, provide snacks, etc.
4. **Chaperone:** Volunteers are needed on field trips such as visiting museums, Navy Pier, college tours, etc.
5. **Guest Speaker:** Serve as a guest speaker help or to find guest speakers for the program.
6. **Serve as an Editor or Writer of the OSP Newsletter:** You can submit articles (that you wrote or information that we should know from another source) that can be included in the newsletter or edit articles that are submitted for print.
7. **Clerical Support:** We are always in need of other additional hands to help us: phone parents or students, answer phones, copy and laminate materials, data entry, prepare posters/displays, gather resource materials, etc
8. **Audio Visual Support:** Photograph/videotape program activities.
9. **Recruiter:** Help recruit students for the program by making presentations at target schools and elementary schools. Attend Open Houses with program staff. Recruit parents to volunteer.