

Introspect Youth Services, Inc

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Empowering the Next Generation

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"Changing lives one student, one family, and one community at a time."



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



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Here is Dakota Edwards! Proviso West High School Graduate (2026). He recently went down state in Track & Field and placed 4th in the Shot Put with a mark of 18.62m. Dakota has been a participant of Introspect Youth Services - Talent Search since 2024 and has accepted a Scholarship to attend and throw for Eastern Illinois University's Track & Field team. Congratulations, Dakota!



YOUTH

SPOTLIGHT

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ALUMNI

HIGHLIGHT

Barbara Meschino - Professional Bio

Barbara Meschino is a dedicated champion of educational equity and community empowerment, currently serving as the Dean of the Malcolm X College West Campus, a satellite location of Malcolm X College. A 2020 recipient of the NISOD Administrator of Excellence Award, Barbara has spent her career advancing access to quality education for underserved populations, particularly in Chicago's West Side communities.

Barbara began her journey in education as an Adult Education instructor, teaching Language Arts and Mathematics for nearly a decade. She later served as Adult Education Manager at the West Campus, where she deepened her impact by supporting adult learners in achieving academic and career success. Her teaching portfolio also includes College Success Seminars and Sociology courses for first-year college students.

A proud alumna of Clark Atlanta University, an HBCU, Barbara holds a B.A. in Psychology and a Master of Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago's Jane Addams College of Social Work. She also earned her Master Online Teacher Certification in 2018. Her early professional experiences include working with TRIO programs and interning at Loretto Hospital's Community Relations Department—roles that laid the foundation for her lifelong commitment to service and education.

Barbara's leadership extends beyond the classroom. She has served in various community and civic roles, including Chair of her local CPS School Council and Club Council Member at the James Jordan Boys and Girls Club. She recently served as an officer of the Clark Atlanta University Chicago Alumni Association and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Kwanzaa Committee at Malcolm X College, reflecting her continued dedication to cultural celebration, alumni engagement, and institutional enrichment.

A lifelong West Side resident, Barbara is deeply rooted in the community she serves. Her work reflects a steadfast belief in the transformative power of education to uplift individuals and strengthen neighborhoods. She has been honored with the Saint Ignatius Alumni Medal, a recognition of her professional excellence and enduring service to her community.

In her personal time, Barbara enjoys traveling, exploring Chicago's museums, and visiting state parks with her family.



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STUDENT

HIGHLIGHT



Celebrating Our Dual Arts Students!



We proudly recognize and celebrate our outstanding students who have earned Dual Arts recognition through their hard work, creativity, and dedication.

Your commitment to excellence both inside and outside the classroom is inspiring. This achievement reflects your perseverance, talent, and determination to reach new heights.

We are incredibly proud of each of you and can't wait to see all that you'll accomplish next. Keep dreaming big, working hard, and making your mark on the world!



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OUR FUTURE.
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SALUTE *to* INTERNS

★ A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION ★

Join us as we recognize and celebrate the next generation of leaders making a difference!

**CONGRESSMAN
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Service. Leadership. Community.

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 4, 2026**

AT 6 PM

**COLUMBUS PARK
REFECTORY**

**5701 W. JACKSON BLVD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

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*Invest in
YOUTH.*
**INVEST IN OUR
FUTURE.**

This summer, IntroSpect Youth Services, Inc. proudly welcomed an outstanding group of interns whose passion, professionalism, and commitment made a lasting impact on our organization and the community we serve. Throughout their internship, they gained hands-on experience in leadership, program support, community engagement, event coordination, and office administration while contributing fresh ideas and a positive attitude to every project. Their willingness to learn and serve exemplifies the values of excellence, integrity, and teamwork.

We extend our sincere appreciation to each intern for their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm. Your contributions have helped strengthen our programs and support the youth and families we serve every day. As you continue your educational and professional journeys, we are confident that the skills and experiences gained at IntroSpect Youth Services will serve as a strong foundation for your future success. Congratulations on a remarkable internship—we are proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to seeing the incredible things you will achieve.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

BRIGHT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS

PRESENTS THE

BACK TO SCHOOL

47TH ANNUAL PICNIC & PARADE

★ SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2026 ★

★ STARTS AT 8:30 A.M. ★

KICK OFF FROM BLOOMINGDALE & CENTRAL (1800 NORTH) AT 10:00 A.M.

PROCEED ON CENTRAL, SOUTH TO MADISON STREET, THEN EAST ON MADISON STREET TO LARAMIE-SOUTH ON LARAMIE TO JACKSON-WEST ON JACKSON, INTO COLUMBUS PARK

CO-CHAIR: STATE REPRESENTATIVE LA SHAWN FORD

WESTSIDE BRANCH NAACP FOUNDED 1905 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FUN! FAMILY! COMMUNITY!

★ WANTED: ★

VENDORS, FLOAT BUILDERS, MOTORCYCLES, MARCHING UNITS, AND ANTIQUE CARS and much more!

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**GIVING
TUESDAY**

December 1st

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Every mentor...

Every partnership...

Every student served...

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