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ALDERMAN CHANDLER TOURS CATALYST HOWLAND CAMPUS

La Risa Lynch



(Left) A student at Catalyst Howland explains a lesson plan to Alderman Chandler. (Above) Catalyst Howland School students Veranika McGhee, Jenna LeSure, Eryielle Barrow, Jamaurion Leverston greet visitors, including local pastors and political leaders during a "Bring Your Alderman to School Day."

Ald. Michael Chandler admits he is now a convert.

Eight years ago, the 24th Ward alderman was like many North Lawndale residents who opposed closing neighborhood schools to only be replaced with charter schools. Residents expressed concerns that neighborhood students wouldn't be able to attend the new charter schools.

But after a tour of Catalyst Howland Elementary School, 1616 S. Spaulding Ave., Chandler sees things a little differently now.

"Some of those concerns we had eight years ago are out the window," Chandler said. "I'm most pleased to find out this is a neighborhood school and students that live right here on Christiana and right here on Spaulding and ... in and around Catalyst Howland School attend this school."

Chandler visited Catalyst Howland along with several

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Governor Quinn, Congressman Davis Endorse Illinois Senator Annazette Collins for Re-election



R-L: 28th Ward Democratic Committeeman Ed Smith, Illinois State Sen. Mattie Hunter (3rd District), Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Illinois State Sen. Annazette Collins (5th District), Cong. Danny K. Davis (7th District), Illinois Rep. Karen A. Yarborough (7th District), and 28th Ward Ald. Jason Ervin were among the many supporters that attended the fundraiser.

"We need Senator Collins back in Springfield" was the words echoed by Gov. Quinn at the home of Cinespace Chicago Film Studios, where Governor Quinn and Congressman Danny K. Davis both endorsed the re-election bid of State Senator Annazette Collins. Cinespace Studios is located at 2558

W. 16th Street. Where the Starz cable show "Boss" is being shot, and also where the movie the transformers were shot.

The endorsements were made at a fundraiser on the set of the players club. Though the show was recently cancelled, Cinespace purchased the set.

"We need experience", said Cong. Davis about his endorsement for Sen. Collins. Interviewing Cong. Davis, he also stated that he couldn't support a candidate that wasn't an advocate. for the people.

In asking Senator Collins how important are the endorsements of Gov Quinn and Congressman Davis

her response was "I think it was great because the Governor whose the head of the state he's aware all of the hard work that I've done and all the legislation that I've passed. Even the Governor and I have had fights on different issues. Then we come in the room and kind of work together for the benefit of the state."

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NLCN 2012 Focus Health and Education

Twelve years have past since the New Millenium scare of the year 2000, a time of uncertainty. In 1999, NLCN began by thanking God for making this newsletter possible. Much has happened since October of 1999 when we first published the North Lawndale Community News more than eleven years ago. Many have contributed, supported, volunteered, written, taken photos, done research, and/or completed our workshops. We have helped many and many have helped us. Health is essential to a good life. Education is necessary for the pursuit of happiness in an economy driven society.

In 2001, our focus targeted the "Revival of the Family". In 2002, we targeted "Wholistic Wellness". In 2003, we targeted "Education and Training". In 2004, the North Lawndale Community News focused on helping our community acquire a better quality of life through higher levels of reading and responsible wealth creation. In 2005, it was Technology, Business Development, and Employment. In 2006, the primary focus for SHS/ NCLN was Health, Education, and Welfare. In 2007, the primary focus for SHS/ NLCN was People and Education. In 2008, the primary focus for was the Church, Financial Literacy, and Technology. In 2009, the primary focus for SHS/NLCN was HEALTH & THE ECONOMY. In 2010, our primary focus was to live and reflect on our previous years of focus, as we progress to a better quality of life. In 2011 Health and Education.

So many things remain a high priority in our life. As we struggle to enjoy life, many have neglected the necessary choices that preserve and extend a healthy and abundant, spirit, mind, and body. So along with health, there is education (knowing) and the need to have the resources to act upon the knowledge for a better quality of life.

The North Lawndale newspaper was and is created to help fulfill the mission of Strategic Human Services. That mission is to provide information on resources and events that improved the lifestyle of individuals and families. This is our primary objective that includes all of the sub-objectives that help to reach that primary objective. There is a saying that if your're not sure where your're going, your're liable to end up someplace else- and not even know it.

Even though tough times are among us setting positive objectives and staying committed to them will be the focus of our news for this 2011 year.

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SENATOR COLLINS ATTENDS YOUTH JOBLESSNESS FORUM



The attached photo is courtesy of the Chicago Urban League and features Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins speaking with Sen. Kwame Raoul.

State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago) participated earlier today in a hearing on the crisis of youth joblessness in Illinois. The Chicago Urban League sponsored the event, which featured the presentation of several new studies of regional and state unemployment, as well as a group of teenagers and young adults who shared their experiences with joblessness. Elected officials, including three other state senators and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, were invited to listen as the speakers testified to the challenges of starting out in the workforce.

"I was very impressed with the young people who spoke today, conveying courage

and honesty as they recounted the issues they've faced while trying to secure jobs," Sen. Collins said after the event. "There were single teen moms there; there were teens living in homes where their parents were also struggling to find productive employment. I was especially moved by the hopelessness Elizabeth Davis expressed; she feels her generation is 'chasing a dream that is not really for us.'"

The reports, prepared by the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northwestern University in Boston at the request of the Alternative Schools Network, painted a bleak picture of long-term and youth unemployment in the region. Among
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When one enters a political campaign, I expect that when an individual enters a political race you would think that person would exemplify the very highest degree of integrity and character and promote the truth at all times.

That isn't the case in the race for the Illinois senate in the 5th senatorial district where Senator Annazette R. Collins is a candidate for retention.

One of the blatant false statements that is being promoted is, she doesn't live in the district. For the past six years, Senator Collins has been challenged on her residence and each time she was cleared and placed on the ballot.

Had anyone been interested in the truth about where senator lived could have checked with the Chicago board of election. Apparently the facts weren't important.

Another false statement is that the democrats

have abandoned the senator. That isn't true either. The fact of the matter is with one exception, every democrat is supporting Senator Collins as well Governor Pat Quinn and president, John Cullerton of the Illinois senate.

One of the first things that the general public look for in a potential representative is truthfulness, character, and integrity something that is left out of the article lambasting Senator, Collins.

In speaking with Senator Collins about the residence question, she states that she owned an income property outside of the district in which her mother occupies.

As for me, I would not want a Senator that didn't care enough about her mother to look out for her safety.

Senator Collins spent twelve years in the Illinois House and did an excellent job and that's what the district needs.

President Obama Visits Chicago



The UIC FORUM was buzzing, as the President of these United States, Barack H. Obama, held a fundraiser to help fund his Democratic election of 2012, which will be coming up in November of this year. There was well-known Chicago D. J. Vince Adams playing hits of the past as well as the present. There was also live entertainment by newcomer Janell Monae and her Band. They were a big hit with the Crowd. The stage was set for the President as he talked about Jobs, Taxes, and encouraging your neighbor to do the right thing.



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Catalyst from front page



Ald. Chandler, local ministers, NLCN and Catalyst staff meet in the principals office for a briefing before touring the school.



Young students of catalyst line up traveling through the halls as one student takes the opportunity to read.

religious leaders Wednesday as part of "Take Your Alderman to School Day," an initiative of the Illinois Network of Charter Schools. The agency provides guidance and services to the state's 51 charter schools.

The tour included visits to classrooms and a presentation from students who participated in a job-shadowing program called Spark, which partners youth with internships that match their interest.

School officials also discussed teacher retention and professional development, parent engagement and the school's recruitment policy.

For school administrators, the event offered an opportunity to share with residents and elected officials what is happening at the k-8 grade school. The goal, Catalyst Howland's acting principal Sala

Sims said, is to strengthen relationships and to connect with the community to ensure students or scholars get the best education. The school refers to its students as scholars to encourage academic success.

"Having us all at the same table is giving us an opportunity to share some of what our vision for Howland is and what their vision is for North Lawndale," said Sims, who also serves as Catalyst's chief academic officer.

Being a charter school doesn't absolve the school from the same challenges facing traditional public schools, Sims said. But the school has made strides in improving test scores. Catalyst Howland's math and reading test scores are on par with traditional Chicago Public Schools (CPS). Catalyst Howland ranks in the 57th percentile in

reading and math scores compared to CPS's 58th percentile ranking. Sims said that was a slight tumble from 2010 test scores. The school saw an 11 percentage point gain that year in reading and math scores. Scores rose from being in the 50th percentile in 2009 to the 61st percentile in 2010. Those gains garnered the school an Academic Improvement Award from the state for its improvements.

Sims attributed the dip in 2011 test score to enrolling an additional 120 students into its testing grades. And while Sims said the school was "really proud of the growth," she realized being in the 60th percentile is not good enough. To boost performance, the school has partnered with several resources like the Achievement Network, a school improvement agency, to zero in

on deficiencies and create lesson plans that target those deficiencies.

"Our goal is not to be better than the next; it is for us all to become better," Sims said, noting that CPS renewed the school's charter without conditions. "It benefits us all to have high performance schools."

To do that, the school plans to expand its academic year. Students attend school for 180 days, but Catalyst Howland wants to increase that by an extra 10 days next year. The school already has a longer school day where students receive seven hours of instruction time.

"It is just more time on task for the scholars," Sims said.

Dave Pope, senior pastor of Brotherly

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Almost 80% of Chicago's Charter High School Students Graduate.

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Crystal X Hale

The actions of individuals and groups are a clear indicator of the level of thinking held by those people. Actions may come in the form of justice and fairness, injustice, aggressiveness, and giving.

This type of behavior is either induced by a deeply rooted feeling or a mere measure towards doing "the right thing." However, what people are measured by isn't as necessarily geared in the directions of their intentions, or the cause of their behavior, but more geared toward the outward action; just analyze the methods of the United States Judicial system, where rewards and punishment center around what attorneys are able to and unable to prove, in relationship to one's actions – with little, but some regard towards ones motivation.

Rarely does it occur to people that everyone is shaped, pulled, tugged, and influenced (inadvertently or otherwise) in ranging degrees, to act out a certain behavior. Even more rarely do people consider food and the chemicals added to them as a primary culprit. An individual consumed of chemicals is like putty in the chemical's hands.

This may sound strange to people as they are familiar with the effects of drugs (prescription and illegal) and alcohol, but they haven't put much thought into the idea that there are chemicals added to food nowadays. An example of how chemicals in food affect behavior a Time Health article states:

"Parents who suspect that artificial ingredients in food are affecting their children's behavior can now point to some cold, hard proof. A carefully designed study released Thursday

in *The Lancet*, a leading British medical journal, shows that a variety of common food dyes and the preservative sodium benzoate – an ingredient in many soft drinks, fruit juices, salad dressings and other foods – causes some children to become more hyperactive and distractible than usual. "In terms of a question that's been raging for years, it's the best study to date – an extremely good study," says Dr. Philip Shaw, a research psychiatrist in the Child Psychiatry branch of the National Institute of Mental Health" (Wallis, 2007).

Another article that explains how aggressive behavior may be caused or influenced by an improper diet is from *Livestrong.com*:

"The effect of diet and nutrition on behavior and psychological health is a controversial topic. Your moods, emotions and actions are governed and influenced by numerous factors, from your genes to your personal relationships. However, the "Journal of Offender Rehabilitation" says there's plenty of evidence that for some people diet may be associated with, and even intensify, issues like impulse control, violent tendencies, hyperactivity, alcoholism and substance abuse..." Since it is clear how diet has some influence on behavior in ranging degrees, more consideration should be taken towards the research of chemicals and the selectiveness of food choices. Like the old adage goes, 'we are what we eat.'

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AT THE FLICKS

David Schultz, film critic



ALBERT NOBBS (*)** Set during late 19th century Ireland, when certain prejudice were upheld against women to keep them from being independent and assertive. Glenn Close co-wrote the script based on a novella and stage play she first did 30 years ago.

Now, as a personal quest to bring this story to the big screen, Glenn Close delivers a strong (and now Oscar nominated) performance in the role of a quiet, highly principled waiter. Nobbs is a woman disguised and working as a manservant (to earn the tip money denied to women who are solely employed as maids) at an old Victorian hotel.

Albert Nobbs professionally under her stoic behavior goes about her chores and duties; serving the guests and knowing every aspect of their needs. While she hides her tip underneath a loose floor board in her room in the hotel. So far, Nobbs has accumulated enough to estimate her total earnings to \$400 pounds in six months. This would be enough to pursue her dream of establishing her own business -- a tobacco shop.

The older "Morrison's Hotel is operated by its owner manager, Mrs. Margie Baker (Pauline Collins) who runs a tight ship with her staff while trying to maintain the quality and elegance under limited financial support that is partially provided secretly by the hotel's most valued live-in resident, Doctor Halloran (Brendan Gleeson).

Meanwhile at a newer hotel, a young servant, Joe Mackins (Aaron Johnson) gets reprimanded

by a departing guest for accidentally dropping his luggage in the snow that leads to his dismissal. Eventually his search for work lands him wandering over to the Morrison hotel.

Where Joe is accidentally mistaken for a boiler-mate that manages with a little luck to make the boiler functional in time for the hotel's annual masquerade ball party that him added to the staff. Where Joe begins to share conversations with one of the hotel maids, Helen (Mia Wasikowska) that Nobbs has also taken note of during her work shift.

Then Nobbs is approached by Mrs. Baker who wants to share her room with half of a married couple, Hubert Page (Janice McTeer), a painter who makes the discover that Nobbs is really woman posing as a man who pleads to Hubert keep her secret; who later reveals that he is doing the same and married to his wife.

This opens up Nobbs curiosity to visit the same sex couple dressing and living like husband and wife, to see if she can do the same in her life. Eventually, Hubert advises Nobbs that one doesn't have to be anything m but what you are.

Then the Typhoid fever epidemic hits in 1898, during the illness, Helen reveals to Joe that she's pregnant who doesn't take the news too well. The other co-workers try to warn Helen of Joe's unfavorable intentions.

Meanwhile Albert is having difficulty coping with her inner feelings. After the epidemic, Albert visits Hubert to discover his wife's death to the illness. Albert feeling sympathetic toward Hubert's recent loss; Nobbs offers to move in with Hubert and advises they should be partner on his business venture.

But Hubert denounces Albert's offer because he really loved and misses his wife. Soon after, Albert tries to confront Helen and makes an offer to take care of her and the child. But Helen who is unaware that Albert is really woman posing as a man; admits to Albert how he claims to love her when he doesn't kiss the way Joe does to her.

This estranged love triangle that is more about Albert's inadequacies only seem to Glenn Close's character's unfulfilled love into a sacrifice that others benefits for the right and wrong. When

Mrs. Baker happens to find Albert's money ledger that she steals to hire Hubert to do interior painting in the hotel. While Hubert vows to help Helen who's been abandon by Joe who's felt to New York; to keep her and her baby together.

This turns "Albert Nobbs" into a tragic love story doomed by the lead character own misgivings about her self and lack of fulfillment in life that didn't know how to handle. But from her actions, makes the ultimate sacrifice because of her charade to those she loved but couldn't love her because she wasn't being honest with herself. **R; 118min. A Roadshow Attractions Pictures Release - Presented at River East 21, Showplace ICON 16, Landmark's Century Centre Cinema and other selected theaters**

MAN ON A LEDGE ()** Trying to put some twists and turns into this intended crime drama riddle; Sam Worthington plays Nick Cassidy, a framed and imprisoned ex-cop who escapes prison who suddenly reappears back in New York month later posing with an alias name who suddenly checks into a hotel.

Nick orders a meal that is paid in cash and afterwards removes all fingerprints in the room and then takes to the window ledge. His presence gathers a growing large crowd of spectators and police on the street below.

Of course there is more going on than meets the eye in this picture. When Nick personally requests the presence of a female negotiator, Lydia Mercer (Elizabeth Banks) who already out of sort about a rookie cop's lakefront suicide.

She is quickly reminded of her last botched suicide and made to feel inferior as the only female in this all male club. But Mercer snaps back taking charge of the crime scene. Where orders to have the room swept and realizes something is odd because there are no prints, no credit cards, etc in the room

From this point, this film's set-up is reminiscent of the more intense Samuel L. Jackson/ Kevin Spacey 1998 thriller "The Negotiator" filmed in Chicago directed by F. Gary Gray who did 1996's "Set it Off" and 2009's "Law Abiding Citizen"

Because in "Man on a Ledge" it's another wronged cop trying to set the record straight. When Nick breaks out of jail during a burial service is now on this building ledge as a diversion and attempt to prove his innocence against a crooked and connected realtor-businessman, David Englander (Ed Harris) who blackmailed him for stealing a heavily insured Monarch diamond that helped build his empire that Englander operates from a skyscraper across from the hotel.

Where Nick stands on the ledge trying to get Mercer to trust him while covering for the heist job being committed by Nick's kid brother. Joey (Jamie Bell) and his Latino girlfriend, Angie (Genesis Rodriguez).

While on the ground there is obvious corruption within the force that is being represented by one cop in charge of the SWAT team and the other, Nick's black ex-partner, Mike Ackerman (Anthony Mackie) that isn't hard to figure who between them is on the wrong and the right side

But it's unfortunate that "Man on a Ledge" is inferior to "The Negotiator" because of how this movie is played out. We don't believe in all that is suppose to be possible that we see occur here. And there isn't enough of the sense of urgency and suspense throughout in the performances that make the proceedings work with some credibility.

PG-13; 102 min. A Summit Entertainment Pictures Release - Presented at selected theaters
THE GREY (1/2)** After a plane crash a group of oil rig worker survivors are left marooned in the middle of nowhere amongst the icy snow packed terrain of Alaska. One of the men, an obnoxious whiner, John Diaz (Frank Grillo) makes an inappropriate movie reference joke out of their plight.

He refers to that "Training Day" guy (not Denzel Washington but Ethan Hawke) in a movie about plane crash survivors in the Andes Mountains who result to cannibalism (the 1993 film "Alive!" which was an American remake to English dubbed 1986 Mexican film "Survive!"

But "The Grey" is not so much a survivalist movie and definitely is not about cannibalism, Writer-director Joe Carnahan, best known for his ultra violent Tarrantino-styled actioner, "Smoking Aces", now takes a more slow and thoughtful approach here.



"The Grey" sets its main focus on the self tormented lead character played by Liam Neeson who in recent years has achieved a new screen image as an unlikely hero that began with "Taken".

And now Neeson portrays John Ottway, a despondent man over the regrets with the love of his life that he began to write and carries a portion of the uncompleted letter with him that he talks about in voiceover narrations.

He encounters periodically in the film visions and flashbacks of being under the bed sheets with her. Where she utters to him "Don't be afraid".

Ottway works at an oil rig refinery where he's hired to protect the workers that consist of ex-cons, murderers, etc from being attack by wild wolves (Well, criminals are people, too!).

Through his job, Ottway has also taken the time to learn about his man eating adversary. While being a no-nonsense kind of guy soaking in his personal misery and ultimately contemplates suicide by the same rifle he uses to kill the wolves.

With the only thing left in his life now is his work, Attway is on a plane with other rig workers. When Ottway is awakened to the force of the plane being ripped apart in mid air before crashing. Ottway awakens in the snow near the plane debris. Amidst the brutal cold weather, he hustles to find seven survivors and quickly takes over leadership that is mocked by Diaz.

Soon after the wolves makes their hostile appearance to the human survivors. Attway thinks they might be somewhere near the animals' den and need to move.

Only the wolves led by its intimidating alpha black wolf begin to follow the men. When the men manage to kill one of the wolves that comes into their camp area. Ottway realizes the wolf they killed was sent in as a sacrificial test.

As the men struggle one by one to survive against nature and their frigid environment. They develop camaraderie out their current situation and individual personal woes related to love ones at home.

"The Grey" is a thrilling and probing outdoor adventure that is sort of like one of those reality series such as "Ice Road Truckers", "Black Gold" or "Ax Men" set in snow meets "Lost" with a little bit of those old 1980's animals run amuck movies like "Grizzly" or "Day of the Animals" that pits man against nature.

Even though through Neeson's character; this film has at least aims for a creditable conclusion without a Rambo-like character proving his resourcefulness continuously in another person or thing's environment.

Ottway learns through all his efforts to keep the guys alive long to survive their ordeal. When you do all that you can, it still may not be enough in his personal life and current struggles.

Even though this may sound corny a bit, and once we get over our own superiority complex. This is a sobering reality on its own that some much minded viewers might feel deceit by what they were expecting as pure escapism fare. **R; 120min. An Open Road Pictures Release - Presented at selected theaters**

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN (1/2)** This British import is an unconventional psychological drama that details the mental unraveling of a married woman unable to cope with her troubled and temperamental child since birth who grows into an unstable teen who eventually takes out his aggression by going on a killing spree at his high school and at home that leaves the mother traumatized and socially scarred by the townspeople

Told in a disjointed yet eerie fashion that is mainly centered on the daunting and mesmerizing performance by Tilda Swinton as the mother who we are first introduced having a nightmarish dream of being tossed, carried and bathed in red tomato sauce from an enormous crowd that proceeds some echoing sounds in her house behind a white curtain where the sliding window door leads into the backyard.

In this house that is far from being a home; it's all symbolic to what has already occurred that

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has led to some violent responses from other women she encounters while this film recounts the events and her life.

After Eva (Tilda Swinton) awakens to discover the front of her house and the front window of her car has been vandalized with red paint. Then she travels to a job interview for an office clerk position where afterwards she encounters the wrath of another woman who slaps her in the face.

After the birth of her first child; Eva encounters difficulty trying to bond to the infant. It becomes apparent Eva is dealing with a destructive child who doesn't like its mother.

Regardless of Eva's parental attempts to understand and connect to Kevin (Ezra Miller) who always response in stares and negativity. Kevin seems to get along with his father (John C. Reilly) who is too busy being a buddy than a parent to notice the concern and fear of his wife about their son.

This brings out a strange yet compelling dynamic to watching this film, seeing this child who is cold and distant while growing dangerous.

While the mother seems disjointed from the world around her and trying to cope and warn her husband about Kevin who is quietly plotting the high school massacre.

In which the early signs are shown when his baby sister's guinea pig is placed in the garbage disposal kitchen sink and the child loses her right eye in a freak accident.

With its catchy yet intriguing film title here, "We Need to Talk about Kevin" is a disturbed and haunting movie that will stick in your mind led by a remarkable Oscar worthy performance from Tilda Swinton in a movie unlike any film or role seen before. **R; 112min. An Oscilloscope Laboratories Picture Release - Presented at selected theaters**

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other grim statistics, the reports found that in 2010, 84% of teenagers in the Chicago area (and 71% statewide) were without jobs. Except for the wealthiest households, the likelihood of having a job actually decreased with household income. In Chicago, only 10% of African-American youths living in households with a yearly income under \$20,000 were employed in 2010. Illinois high school drop-outs ages 16 to 24 were less than half as likely to have jobs as high school graduates not attending college, and workers under 24 were one of the least likely age groups to be able to find another job soon after being laid off.

"It is vital that we address the challenges facing our youth regarding education and jobs," State Senator Jacqueline Collins said. "Education plays a significant role in a person's prospects for finding employment. Therefore, there is a dire need amongst our teens and young adults for employment that combines training with work to ensure their long-term job security. That's why I applaud these young people who are willing to speak out about their experiences, and I join with them in urging Congress to pass the Pathways Back to Work Act."

The Pathways Back to Work Act, part of President Obama's jobs package, would (if passed) send \$1.5 billion to states to provide incentives for employers to hire and train teenagers and young adults, and another \$1.5 billion as grants to organizations that help low-income youths and the long-term unemployed become qualified for jobs, particularly in emerging industries.

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Catalyst Howland Acting Principal Sala Sims talk with Ald. Chandler and Rev. Wilson Daniels of United Baptist Church. *Catalyst Howland student getting a visit from Ald Chandler and local ministers while class is in session.*

Love Baptist Church, 3801 W. Cermak, was impressed by what he saw. He said it was critical that schools have a learning environment conducive to "educating an African-American child in the urban community."

"I was really glad to see teachers employ a number of methods to actively engage the kids in the learning process," Pope said. "I think Catalyst is a fine example for hope in our community and hope for our children's future."

Catalyst Howland students said having that engagement with teachers is crucial to their success. Eighth grader Jenna LeSure said the teachers are very intuitive to the students' feelings and needs.

"I like the way they include us in decisions that will affect us," said LeSure, who interned at Career Builder, a web-based job search company, through the Spark program. "I feel like I'm important -- that I matter in this school."

Veranika McGhee, also an eighth grader, likes how teachers challenge students to do better.

"The teachers here don't give up on the students even when it gets tough for them to learn," said McGhee, who also interned with Red Frog Event, a promotions and marketing firm. "They (teachers) just keep trying. We try our best to do our best."

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