

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Lawyers
LEND-A-HAND
to youth

While the focus at Lend-A-Hand Tutoring is on literacy, sometimes we take a break from reading to greet the many visitors who come to our program. In 2024, we had more distinguished guests than usual.

For the past several years, retired attorney **Rick Danaher** and **Kevin Zickterman**, who is a senior attorney for the Forest Preserve District, have been giving presentations twice a year as part of the CBA's Lawyers in the Classroom program. Rick and Kevin lead a lively discussion on topics ranging from freedom of speech to voting rights.

Derrick Thompson, Jr., of Taft Law (and a Lend-A-Hand My Hero Award honoree) gave a well-received talk in the fall to the students about the power of their ideas. Later in the year, tutor **Faustin (Frosty) Pipal** of Pipal Mediations and **Neda Nozari** of Nozari Legal gave a seminar on mediation, which was a timely topic because several of our students were getting in fights at school.

American Bar Association President **Mary Smith** took a break from her busy schedule to visit all of our tutoring rooms and was shown what the students were working on.

In February, Lend-A-Hand's 2024 Marovitz Philanthropic Award honoree, **Larry Rogers, Jr.**, of Power Rogers did a meet and greet with our tutoring pairs and later talked with our older students, answering their many questions. He explained the kind of work he does as a plaintiff's attorney and the education that he needed to become one.

Finally, the students (and tutors) were psyched to meet a real live astronaut. Retired astronaut **Greg Harbaugh**, who is the father of tutor Dana Harbaugh, talked with our group about his four space flights and multiple walks in outer space. The students, who had been reading about the planets and space all year long, wanted to know things like how to scratch your nose while in a space suit.

These visits are more than just a change of pace for our participants. Hearing from these guests helps build our students' background knowledge. The more our students know about a variety of topics, the easier it is for them to understand any text that they might have to read.

As we head into another program year, we are asking you all to consider being our guest at tutoring one evening. If you'd like to speak to our students about your work, hobbies, or life, let us know. We love having company.

Eirene Nakamura Salvi
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See photos of some of our guests on page 2.

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Chicago youth to achieve academic
excellence through individualized
tutoring and mentorship.*

American Bar Association President Mary Smith stops to chat with third grader Martell and tutor Jane Sternecky of the Uniform Law Commission.



Attorneys Faustin Pipal and Neda Nozari pose with their fan club after a presentation about mediation. Faustin was also a Lend-A-Hand Tutor.



Larry Rogers Jr. of Power Rogers emphatically makes a point in front of his Lend-A-Hand audience. Rogers was Lend-A-Hand's 2024 Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Philanthropic Award honoree.



Retired Astronaut Greg Harbaugh visited Lend-A-Hand Tutoring to cap off our special focus on outer space.



Lend-A-Hand students got a close-up look at Astronaut Harbaugh's flight jacket.

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