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**FACC Foundation: Meet the last Scholarship Recipient of 2018!**



**Josue Estrada**

**How did you become interested in France / the French language?**

In the IB program at Lincoln Park High School I was forced into a French class by my counselor. At first I didn't think that I would be good at French or care so much for the culture. I was silent in class, until one day at the end of my freshman year I was called on by my teacher to reflect on my first year in high school. That day I surprised both my teacher and myself by how well I spoke French, and soon after I quickly grew fascinated with the culture.

**What do you plan to study in college?**

I plan to study biochemistry in college.

**What are you most looking forward to this next academic year?**

I am looking forward to the freedom that comes with college life. Being able to choose your own classes and schedule while trying to balance work or school activities sounds stressful, but also exciting because its something we haven't been allowed to do so far.

**If you could do anything after you graduate college, what would it be?**

Although it may sound cliché, I really think that traveling and visiting many countries (France included) would be an eye opening experience. I can study a language and culture to the fullest extent, but nothing can beat actually visiting and immersing myself in the country and its people.

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**What is the FACC Foundation?**

The FACC-Chicago Foundation helps build a diverse generation of young professionals prepared for the global jobs of the future by supporting access to higher education for young people in need. The Foundation offers scholarships to select Chicago high school students interested in French language and culture, seeking to pursue a technical, pre-professional or traditional four-year college degree. The Foundation will also facilitate training and learning opportunities within the FACC-Chicago network.

The FACC Foundation was founded in 2018 and launched at the 40th **Gala La Nuit des Etoiles** in May 2018. Proceeds from the Gala's live auction and paddle raise go to the FACC Foundation and, thanks to the success of 2018's Gala and the generosity of donors, to date the Foundation has been able to award scholarships to three students over the course of the next four years.

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DES ETOILES  
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**SAVE THE DATE** for the **Gala 2019 La Nuit des Etoiles** on **Friday, May 3rd**,  
highlighting France's **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur** region and its innovations, at the

Sofitel Magnificent Mile! Proceeds from the evening's live auction and paddle raise will go towards supporting the **FACC Foundation's mission** and **future FACC Foundation scholarship recipients**.

View photos of last year's Gala on our [Facebook](#).

### V.I.E. Program

**Are you looking for young talents to help you develop your activities in the USA ?**

The V.I.E. Program (*Volontariat International en Entreprises*) is the Human Resources solution to support your international expansion with young European talents. The V.I.E., also known in the U.S. as the *French International Postgraduate Internship Program*, was established to promote the international development of French companies while also offering graduates and young professionals an opportunity to benefit from an experience abroad.

For more information, contact: [tradeservices@facc-chicago.com](mailto:tradeservices@facc-chicago.com)

### Welcome our new Board Members into the New Year!



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Business Advisor at Jade  
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### Career and Mentorship Opportunities

#### Le Job Hub

Post your resume or job opportunities, check out potential candidates, or even apply for a job!

Visit our [Job Board](#)

Visit our [Candidate Board](#)

#### Women4Women Committee: join our Mentoring Program

In a career transition or looking to become a mentor?

The Women 4 Women Committee (W4W) is a network of women attached to the FACC-Chicago, established to help other women think through their career advancement strategies and identify professional opportunities. Learn more about our [W4W Mentoring Program](#).

### Thank you to our FACC-Chicago Benefactors



### Our Mission

FACC-Chicago is a non-profit, non-governmental, member-driven organization. Funds generated by our events go toward our mission to develop and promote a thriving economic relationship between the United States and France, as well as to serve the ongoing business needs of corporate and individual members throughout the greater Chicagoland area.

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