Outlook Academy Prepares Students for Life After High School

A visit to the Chicago State University home of Outlook Academy takes you through the hustle and bustle of school life. Classes have just let out and groups of students are talking as they dash to the cafeteria in a neighboring building. Small groups fill comfy chairs in the common area, texting or talking quietly on their phones. In an empty classroom, a student takes advantage of the quiet to get a jump on his homework. One flight of stairs down, a student walks into the office and asks for a shirt. He promptly receives a dark green T-shirt with the white logo of Outlook Academy across the front; it seems nearly everyone is wearing one. The office is busy, with students, teachers, and staff coming and going. The air is purposeful, but friendly. It feels like, well, a high school.

Outlook Academy has only two years under its belt, but has already graduated well over 200 students. In fact, there is a new graduating class every nine weeks, including the summer months; the program has added Friday classes, and is aggressively recruiting new students. Outlook Academy continues to expand, offering a full high school curriculum including electives such as poetry, political science, intro to cartooning, ROTC, computer programming, and swimming.

Chicago State professors teach Outlook Academy classes, which helps keep the bar high, while also easing the transition from high school to college should the students choose to enroll as Chicago State students upon graduation. Outlook Academy students have the advantage of already being familiar with the campus and already knowing the

One of those instructors is Leo Conry, who teaches Spanish and French. Program Coordinator Patricia Malopsy-Fortier reached out to him personally, asking him to teach at Outlook Academy. Many students lacked the necessary foreign language credits required for entry into college. And Malopsy-Fortier knew Conry's reputation as a skilled and dedicated teacher with a heart for students. He is in his 32nd year of teaching, with 22 of those at Thornridge High School in Dolton, IL. Malopsy-Fortier also knew Conry was not your run-of-the-mill foreign language

His Chicago accent notwithstanding, Conry was born in Ireland and attended

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Leo Conry teached French and Spanish to Outlook Academy students.

school in both Spain and France. He later went on to teach French in Spain, and Spanish in France. He gained degrees in foreign languages and philosophy and has traveled extensively, usually taking a group of students to Europe each year. He takes a holistic, immersive approach to teaching, emphasizing reading and writing proficiency as well as conversation, with a particular focus on workplace proficiency. His students are not just American, but also African and Asian, and he's pleased to say not a few have gone on to use their language skills in their jobs, including government service. His students even find that their English skills have sharpened by the time they finish his

Many students proceed to enroll at Chicago State; in particular, a number have gone into the nursing program. In its mission to make students college-ready, Outlook Academy offers a college entry course that specifically prepares students for the requirements and expectations of college.

Outlook Academy is a program of Thornton Township High Schools District 205, in partnership with the Continuing Education Department of Chicago State University, to provide students with a pathway to complete the requirements for a high school diploma. The college setting and additional program assistance provides the extra boost to get back on track with their peers. The District University partnership provides students with one-stop access to higher education and workplace development information and programs. For more information, contact 773-995-2578 or 773-995-2577.

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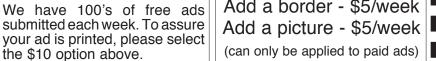
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