

On behalf of the **Friends of Jones**, (FoJ) the fund-raising and volunteer organization for Jones College Prep, we would like to say to our incoming freshmen parents: *WELCOME to Chicago's premier college prep high school located in the heart of downtown.* And to our returning upperclassmen parents: *WELCOME BACK* to the 2011-12 school year.

Each year, **Friends of Jones**, working closely with Dr. Powers, identifies the most pressing financial and volunteer needs of our faculty, staff and students and works to address these needs by fund-raising and providing volunteers for school activities. We raise money directly through our Annual Appeal, a fall "friend raiser", a spring fundraiser, the White Sox Game outing and through the selling of Joneswear.

CPS is facing an enormous budget crisis for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Staff have been cut, resources for equipment, supplies, and activities will be limited. **Friends of Jones** is committed to maintaining the standard of excellence in academic, athletic, arts and community programming that is the hallmark of a Jones College Prep education. We have already identified some major areas of need for 2011-12:

- new computers for teachers and students in the learning center
- upgrading very old copiers that are no longer cost effective
- website updating and hosting

In addition to these "big ticket" items, we will have our annual commitments to the Robin Bennett Scholarship (given to graduating a senior who is pursuing an education in the performing arts), sports team transportation, homecoming and dance support, and various requests for funding by teachers for arts and cultural events.

As a parent of a Jones Student, you are already a member of **Friends of Jones**. Each year, we ask that every family donate time and money to FOJ so that we may say "yes" when asked by the administration and staff for help. Our goal this year is **\$100,000**. And we are asking each family to donate at least **\$10.00 a month** to **Friends of Jones** in order to meet this goal. All *gifts, no matter the amount, are desperately needed and fully appreciated.

We look forward to working with you to provide every Jones College Prep student a world- class high school education.

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