

Paris Luckett

Paris graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor's in Nonprofit and NGO Studies with a minor in Social Entrepreneurship. While matriculating at Northern, Paris became passionate about making a difference and being the catalyst in moving his North Lawndale neighborhood forward. Coming from a struggling family, living in poverty, and growing up on the westside of Chicago, Paris has pushed himself in the right direction becoming the first in his family to graduate from college. He has taken courses that focused on research and evaluation which sparked his interest in data collection and reporting. Prior to PIE, Paris gained hands-on experience collecting data dealing with the impact of diverse demographics in the Bronzeville community. As a classroom assistant for the North Lawndale Reads program, Paris ensured bus safety for young children, acted as a chaperone for field trips, and served as a role model for young children by supporting them in having increased integrity and dedication to academic and personal improvement. Paris also served as a Program Manager's Assistant for the Spark Program, where he assisted with administrative duties including sending letters to donors, preparing for and scheduling meetings, and supporting management. Paris plans to pursue a career in nonprofits, continuing to shine his light on the youth of Chicago.