



North Lawndale College Prep

Last year, we had the pleasure of learning about a special high school in our own backyard—North Lawndale College Prep High School. NLCPHS is a charter college preparatory high school in the North Lawndale community on the West Side of Chicago. North Lawndale is a community that has struggled for decades with poverty. Schools suffered, along with the rest of the community. The community's population dropped from almost 95,000 in 1970 to shy of 36,000 in 2010 with foreclosures brought on by the Great Recession accelerating the pace of decline in recent years. Today, the community is 92 percent African-American, with high rates of poverty still a constant. NLCPHS opened in 1998 to meet the community need of developing an academically rigorous neighborhood school with a strong element of social support. NLCP asks students to hold themselves to a higher standard. Students and staff at NLCP work together to create a school culture that encourages and supports everyone to succeed. Nash Brothers will support the Senior Project Mentor Program at NLCP which provides feedback and encouragement to seniors as they complete their final projects. We are honored to participate.

Do you know someone who will be attending college?

October is College Changes Everything Month; this is a state wide initiative to encourage college students to apply for financial aid. If you know someone who will attend college between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, please complete the 2018-2019 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). FAFSA determines if students qualify for federal, state, or institutional financial aid.

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Counting on Controller, Jim Gardner

Jim Gardner, Controller at Nash Brothers, has been with the company for nine years. After becoming a CPA, Jim began working with companies providing construction services. Jim most enjoys providing financial information which assists in the making of sound decisions by the ownership. Jim finds predicting the financial status of projects can be the most challenging piece of his day as the forecast is based on productivity influenced by a variety of factors which can change on a daily basis. When asked about his hobbies, Jim shared that he is an avid bicyclist and relishes the time spent with his granddaughter. As a colleague, Jim is helpful, generous of time, and may be counted on for a joke or two. Jim is also a devoted Cubs fan. GO CUBS!



Autumn Home Maintenance Safety Tips

- Look Up Before Pruning Trees

If you have decided that your yard needs to be spruced up by trimming your trees, be sure to look up and survey the area carefully before you start. Make careful note of where power lines are located before you set up your ladder so that it is positioned away from them.

- Use Caution on Ladders

Wearing appropriate footwear is important when using a ladder; shoes or boots may be wet, causing you to slip as you climb the ladder. The ladder should be positioned on a flat surface before use. Be sure that the tools you are using are specifically designed for this purpose and are in good condition before starting work.

- Clean Up Fallen Leaves

Keep your driveway and walkway clear of falling leaves. Wet leaves can create a hazard for pedestrians in the fall by making sidewalks slippery.