



Accelerate Institute

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Ms. Jill Gottfred
Illinois Network of Charter Schools (INCS)
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Dear Jill,

We created the Ryan Fellowship three years ago to identify and develop future urban principals with the ability to dramatically accelerate student achievement. As these Fellows have completed their first year as principals we are proud to share the kind of success that some have been able to achieve already.

2012 Ryan Fellow Dawn Sandoval became principal of Catalyst Maria Charter High School on Chicago's South Side last summer and *her results (see attached) speak for themselves;*

- **Maria Catalyst students' academic growth was 291% of the national average**

Please join me in congratulating Dawn, her team and especially the Catalyst Maria students on their remarkable success. We sincerely appreciate your support as we seek to develop more leaders prepared to dramatically accelerate student achievement.

Sincerely,

Pat Ryan, Jr.
Founder

Robert J. Birdsell
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. I hope you can join us at Chicago Cut on September 26th for our always memorable Impact Dinner. You can register online at <http://www.accelerateinstitute.org/impact/>.



Ryan Fellow: Dawn Sandoval

The Ryan Fellowship identifies and develops transformational school principals with expertise in accelerating student achievement.

The Ryan Fellowship begins with the Accelerate Summer Institute at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and includes exposure to proven practices from business, civic, and education leaders that accelerate student achievement. Its goal is to directly attack the issue of underperforming inner-city schools by addressing the single largest deficit: a lack of qualified leadership.



School Profile:

Catalyst Maria High School

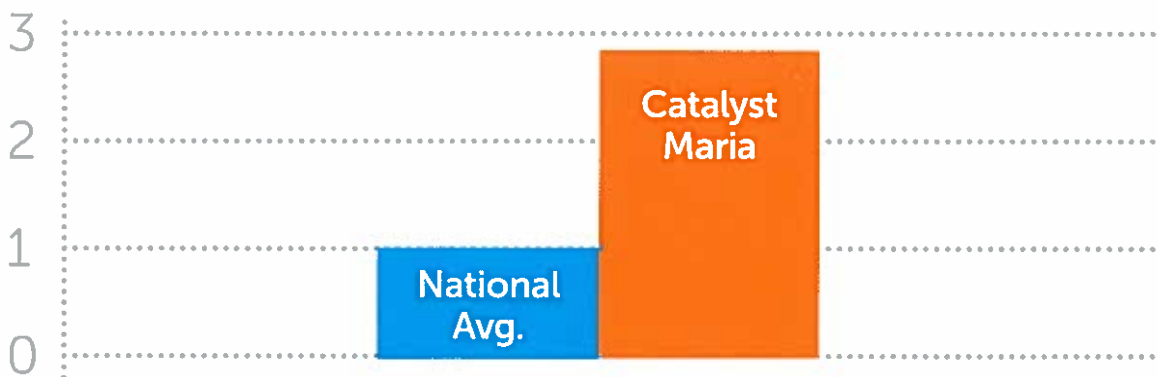
- Located in the Chicago Lawn Community
- 180 ninth grade students growing to a full high school (9–12)
- 95% low income students
- 47% Hispanic
- 43% African American
- 25% special education

Dawn Sandoval

Ryan Fellow, Class of 2012
Principal of Catalyst Maria High School

- Achieved 2.91 years of ACT growth in one year
- Achieved a daily attendance rate of 96%
- Achieved growth goals for both regular education and special education students

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Yearly Growth Rate