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# Paul Tough

Bestselling author of *How Children Succeed*, *Helping Children Succeed*, and the forthcoming *The Years That Matter Most*

## The Years That Matter Most: How College Makes or Breaks Us

**Monday, September 16, 2019, 7:00 PM**

**New Trier High School/Northfield, Cornog Auditorium, 7 Happ Rd., Northfield, IL 60093**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 7:00 PM**

**Latin School of Chicago, Wrigley Theatre, 59 W. North Blvd., Chicago, IL 60610**

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Does college still work? Is the system designed just to protect the privileged and leave everyone else behind? Or can a college education today provide real opportunity to young Americans? *New York Times* bestselling author **Paul Tough**'s new book ***The Years That Matter Most*** delivers fresh, fascinating insight on how the American system of colleges and universities helps and hinders young people, especially low-income and first-generation students.

Mr. Tough tells the stories of students trying to find their way, with hope, joy, and frustration, through the application process and into college. Drawing on new research, and on dozens of in-depth visits to college campuses across the country, the book reveals how the landscape of higher education has shifted in recent decades and exposes the hidden truths of how the system works and for whom. And it introduces the people who really make higher education go: admissions directors trying to balance the class and balance the budget, College Board officials scrambling to defend the SAT in the face of mounting evidence that it favors the wealthy, researchers working to unlock the mysteries of the college-student brain, and educators trying to transform potential dropouts into successful graduates.

In addition to exploring the brilliant work on social mobility by Harvard's **Raj Chetty, Ph.D.**, *The Years That Matter Most* spotlights the work of former FAN speakers **Ned Johnson (FAN '19)** and **David Yeager, Ph.D. (FAN '16)**, as well as upcoming FAN speaker **Anthony Abraham Jack, Ph.D.**, who will offer a talk on Oct. 23, 2019. The book is a sharp survey of the college admissions landscape – and it's alarming and sobering.

Mr. Tough is the author of *Helping Children Succeed* and *How Children Succeed*, which spent more than a year on the *New York Times* hardcover and paperback bestseller lists and was translated into twenty-eight languages. He is also the author of *Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America*. His latest book is *The Years That Matter Most: How College Makes or Breaks Us*. He is a contributing writer to the *New York Times Magazine* and a regular contributor to the public-radio program *This American Life*.

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