

**Pipeline Programs That
Empower Student Success:**
A College Promise Program, College for a
Day, and Enabling Youth Pre-College Access

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College For A Day

- Focuses on 8th grade students in-county, goal is to foster a college-going culture among these youth
- Year-long partnership, with Fall & Spring visits
- Currently partnered with 6 schools, serving about 250 students



The Fall Visit

- We visit the partner school
- Facilitate NJCAN Career Cluster assessment
- Students discover groups of occupations that interest them, learn the education and skills needed, and explore popular jobs
- The most popular career clusters shape the Spring visit



The Fall Visit Pt. 2

- Time For Payback game: teaches students how to minimize student debt and handle crucial college decisions
- College basics presentation: what a degree is, earning credit early, and other FAQs



The Spring Visit



- Reality Check: Using real careers and local salaries, students simulate a month of living on their own
- “Life Happens” surprise
- Group Reflection
- Demonstrates the value of higher education
- Builds financial literacy skills for outside of the classroom

Reality Check Examples

How to determine your monthly budget

Your career card has your **yearly salary**: how much money you would make in one year, before taxes.

- 1** Deduct \$10,000 from your yearly salary to get your salary after taxes.

Yearly Salary = \$ - \$10,000 = \$ (your net salary).

- 2** Divide your net salary by 12 months to get your monthly salary.

Net Salary = \$ ÷ 12 = \$ (your monthly salary).

- 3** **If you are married**, add \$1000 to your monthly salary (to include your spouse's income). Add nothing if unmarried.

Monthly Salary = \$ + \$1000 = \$

My Monthly Income: \$

Example



- Salary on Career Card = \$45,000 (And Married).
- \$45,000 - \$10,000 = \$35,000 after taxes.
- \$35,000 ÷ 12 = \$2,917 per month.
- \$2,917 + \$1000 from Spouse = **\$3,917 per month.**



Time For Fun!

Visit each station to simulate life. Spend wisely, and try to keep some money left at the end of the month for your savings... you never know what may come up!

**Use your Monthly Budget sheet to add/deduct expenses.*

Stations you will visit:

1. Realty/Housing
2. Utilities
3. Transportation
4. Insurance
5. Groceries
6. Daycare
7. Entertainment
8. Lifestyle



Optional Savings Tip:

- It is recommended that 20% of one's monthly income goes into their savings.
- Take your monthly salary and divide it by 5 to get your recommended savings amount.

REALTY

RENTING VS OWNING

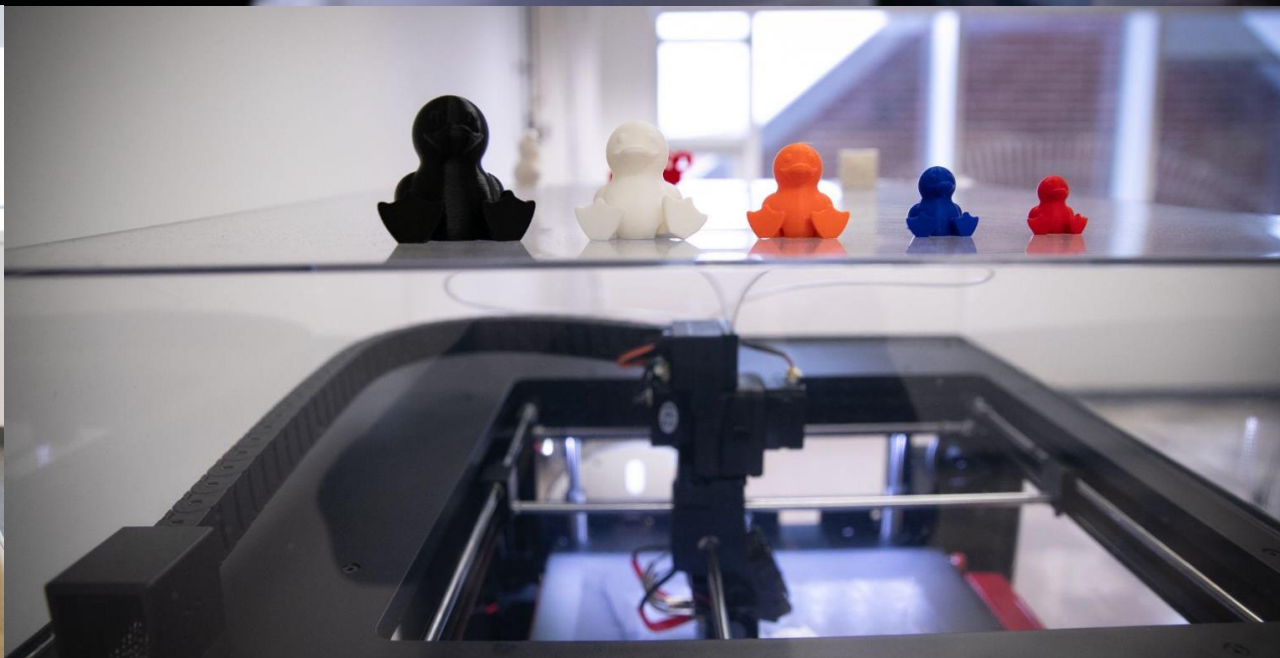




The Spring Visit Pt. 2



- Tailored mock courses and activities
- Students engage with faculty, staff, and college students
- Comprehensive Campus tour



After College For A Day

- Career-focused Summer programs
 - Career Basics Bootcamp
 - Career Staycation
- Hands-on experiences and presentations from HESAA, The US Dept. of Labor, and local partners
- Summer fun!





NASPATM

Region II

Success Bound

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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Vice President, Enrollment and
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About Success Bound

Success Bound aims to prepare Perth Amboy, South Amboy, and Carteret youth to develop the necessary skills to become successful learners and future college students.

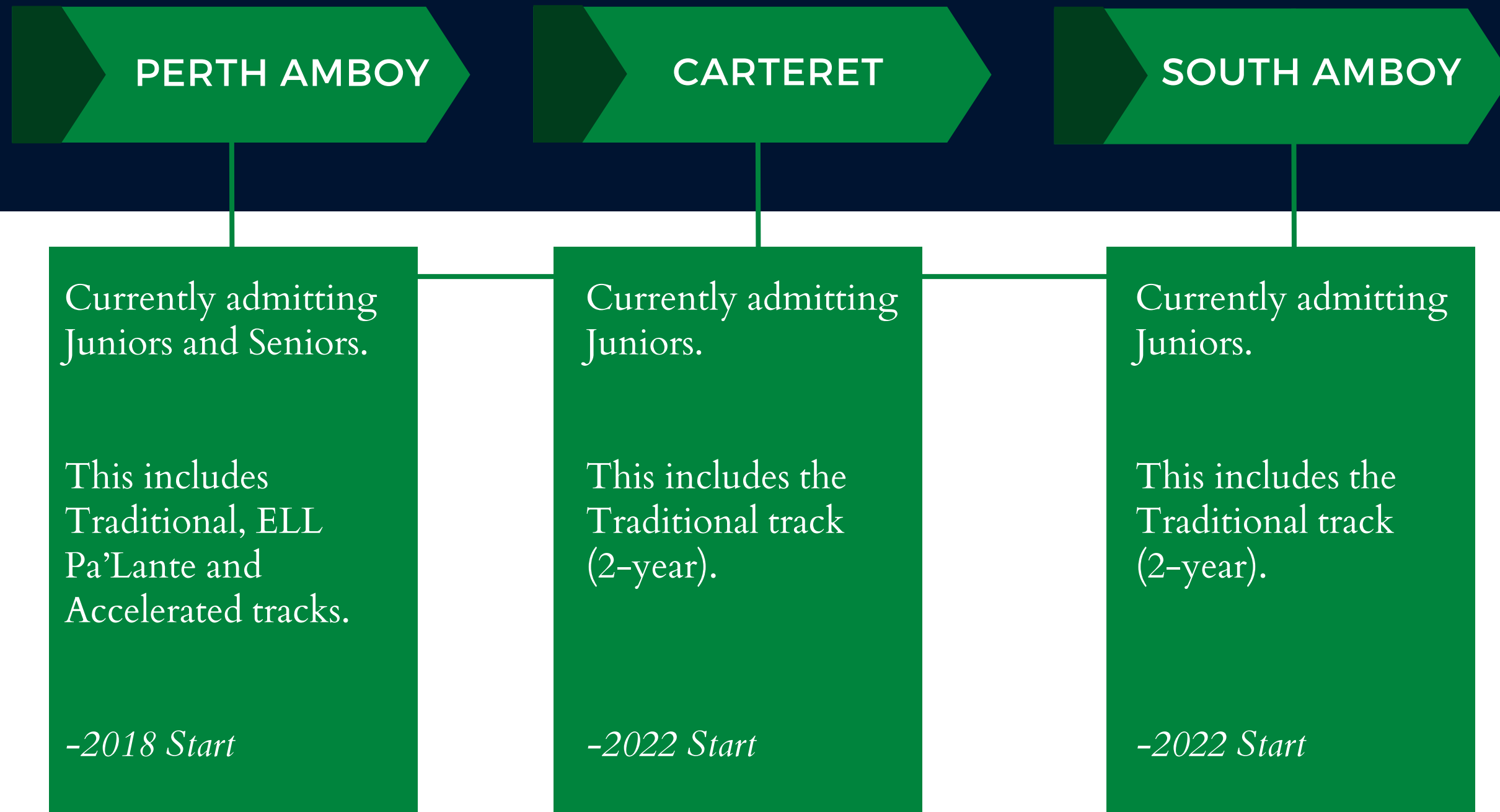
Four goals:

- Increase post-secondary enrollment
- Develop soft-skills
- Gain civic engagement
- Reduce remedial placement in college-level courses.

- Year-long with either a 1- or 2-year commitment inclusive of a 5-week summer institute.
- Aims to equip participants with the support the scholar will need to be a motivated student prepared for college through learning:
- Time management, how to work in groups, goal setting, College/FAFSA application process and career exploration



Success Leads to Expansion



“Then there was three...”

Student Perspective: Who is Eligible?

Currently in 10th or 11th Grade

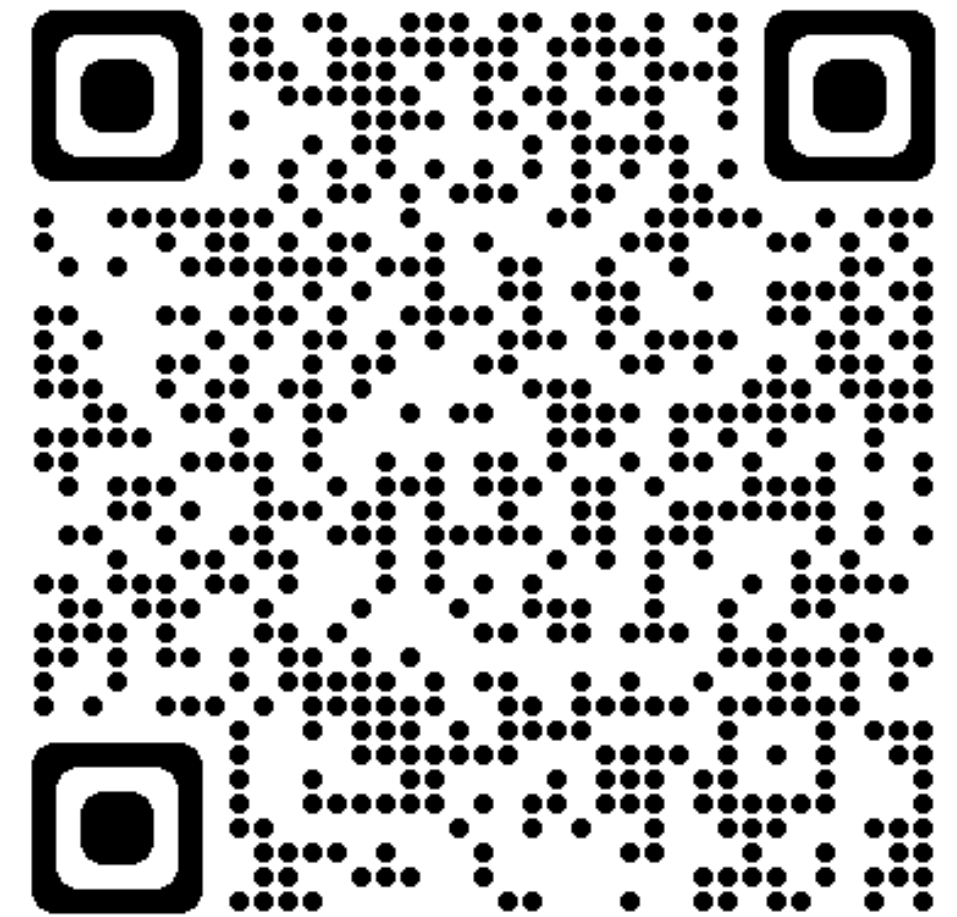
Resides or attends school in 1 of 3 cities that we serve:

- Perth Amboy: Reside or Attend School in Perth Amboy
- Carteret: Attends High School in Carteret
- South Amboy: Attends High School in South Amboy

Citizen or Permanent Resident

- If Undocumented/DACAmented, students are considered on a case by case

Intends to pursue a college education



Success Bound Program Components


PASSPORT TO SUCCESS

- Student Success & Development Course (3 credits) for all new students
- Fund of Public Speaking (3 credits) for returning students
- Other college credit courses during fall and spring semesters
- College Readiness Workshops (two-part series for juniors and seniors)
- Career Exploration Workshops with guest speakers from industry/community leaders
- Civic Engagement Opportunities through service learning and community service
- Paid Internships during the summer institute
- Weekly Tutoring during the summer institute



Career Exploration Forums


2023 **SUCCESS BOUND**
Youth Leadership Academy




**Career Exploration Forum:
Mental Health**

A virtual chat with mental health professionals, life after high school, transitioning to college, work/life balance and much more!

Thursday, July 13
10 - 11:30am
[CLICK HERE TO ENTER ZOOM](#)




2023 **SUCCESS BOUND**
Youth Leadership Academy




**Career Exploration Forum:
Criminal Justice**

A virtual chat with professionals in the criminal justice field, life after high school, transitioning to college, work/life balance and much more!

Thursday, July 20
10 - 11:30am
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2023 **SUCCESS BOUND**
Youth Leadership Academy




**Career Exploration Forum:
Entrepreneurship/Small Business**

A virtual chat with professionals about entrepreneurship, small businesses, life after high school, transitioning to college, work/life balance and much more!

Thursday, July 27
10 - 11:30am
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2023 **SUCCESS BOUND**
Youth Leadership Academy



**Career Exploration Forum:
Health Services**

A virtual chat with professionals in the medical/health field, life after high school, transitioning to college, work/life balance and much more!

Thursday, August 3
10 - 11:30am
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Internships

PARTNERSHIPS THAT WORK

Education

- Academy for Urban Leadership (AUL)
- City University of New York (CUNY)
- Middlesex College – Edison and Perth Amboy
- I Excel Learning Center
- Carteret Board of Education and School District

Government

- City of Perth Amboy
 - Office of Social Services & Housing Authority
 - Police Department
 - Tax Department
 - Water Department
 - Department of Public Works
 - Mayor's Office
 - Census 2020 Project with City of Perth Amboy
- Carteret Borough – City Hall

Non-Profit Organizations

- God's Army Ministries
- JRF- Bayside Family Success Center
- Mexican Alliance of NJ (MA-NJ)
- Puerto Rican Action Board (PRAB)
- P.A.R.T.N.E.R.
- Vida Church
- Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD)
- Raritan Bay Area YMCA – Perth Amboy
- South Amboy YMCA

Healthcare

- Hackensack Meridian @ RBMC
- Mitruska Integrated Wellness Center - Chiropractor
- Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontist
- ALAMEDA Rehab & Healthcare

Law

- Elias & Gonzalez, LLC
- Kenneth L. Gonzalez, Esq.
- Michelle Roman, Esq.



Scholars at a Glance

2024 GRADUATES



44

SCHOLARS
GRADUATED HIGH
SCHOOL THIS YEAR

66+

SCHOLARSHIPS
WERE AWARDED TO
OUR SCHOLARS

\$2.5

TOTAL DOLLAR
AMOUNT IN
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED

139+

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
ACCEPTANCES,
GLOBALLY

44

SCHOLARS
COMPLETED PAID
INTERNSHIPS

100%

SCHOLARS ARE
COLLEGE BOUND IN
FALL 2024



Success Bound in the News

A Casual Chat Turns Into a Four-Year College Scholarship



Little did Carolyn Diaz know that when she was offered an internship in State Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez's (19 LD) office through a Middlesex College youth summer program in 2021, that her summer employment would result in receiving a fully-paid four-year National Science Foundation Scholarship to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Brown University Sophomore Looks Back on How Success Bound Changed the Course of His Life

“I hope Success Bound continues providing this type of education toward the college process and talking about the opportunities available for a first-generation low-income student like me,” Fernandez said.

“One thing holding people like me back is access and just not knowing the steps to take. I think Success Bound really helped a lot.”



Adriel Fernandez

-Success Bound Alum '22

Graduate of Middlesex College's Success Bound is Now Harvard Bound

“Success Bound gave me the confidence to even consider Harvard in the first place. Before, I didn’t even think I could get into an Ivy League. The resources, the internships, the staff support that Success Bound provided all contributed to my decision to apply to Harvard.”



Gustavo Merino Martinez

-Success Bound Alum '23

STAY IN TOUCH!

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County College of Morris
College Promise Programs
Dover / Morristown



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Dover College Promise Overview

- The Dover College Promise (DCP) program was created out of the need arising from a disconnect with the Dover, NJ school district, which is highly diverse. Only 3 miles from CCM. Additionally, due to the lower high school and college graduation rates within that school district. This was a significantly underserved community for CCM.
- Partnership with a local college prep after-school program. Cohorts – 10th and 11th graders.
- With private funding, we were able to start DCP with 25 high school sophomores, one coordinator, one student specialist, and the college's resources.
- The program included evening/weekly career and personal assessments, essay writing, public speaking, personal finance, and high-impact community projects. Sessions were bi-lingual.
- Parent engagement workshops. Topics included college expectations, financial aid, accessing resources, and their student's college path.

Community Projects / Engagement

- Development of a local walking trail in an area of a park that had gone under disrepair.
- Creation of a Dover historical student club at Dover High School.
- Production of a video commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of Dover.
- Close collaboration with the Dover Historical Society to support their programming, fostering students' sense of belonging and ownership of the community they live in. CCM Faculty and staff connection.
- Students split into different groups to manage their projects, meeting with local town officials, founders, peers, and other influential members of the community.

Morristown College Promise

- Due to the success of DCP, we initiated the Morristown College Promise at Morristown High School last year.
- 30 students, half ESL, half English speakers, started the program during the school day with a similar workshop/session format as Dover.
- The teams are currently organizing and brainstorming different community projects, both in Morristown, though they seem to prefer developing projects within the school community.
- We have started recruitment activities for both Morristown and Dover with the support of guidance counselors and school principals.

Program Success and Expansion

- 70% of the students who started the program are currently enrolled at CCM with a retention rate of 100% from fall to spring.
- These students are leaders within the CCM community, and half of them participated in the EOF summer orientation program.
- Other school districts have indicated an interest in developing programs as they see a huge need in their communities that could be alleviated our program.
- We continue to work with the college administration and the Foundation to raise funds from private companies, foundations, and other philanthropic endeavors to maintain the program.

Program Expansion and Partnerships

- A new class of 25 students from Dover High School will join the 17 already enrolled.
- Morristown plans to increase its high school enrollment from 30 to 60 students.
- Dover students will collaborate with local administration to open a new trail and dog park.
- Emerging partners from private industry, local government, and philanthropic sources are supporting program growth.
- The CCM Foundation dedicated 100% of raised funds to CCM College Promise programs this year.







QUESTION

time

