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TEAM GEAR UP: GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Background

- In 2011, Milwaukee Public Schools was awarded a seven-year, \$14.87 million federal GEAR UP grant
- With the required dollar-for-dollar match, the total comes to almost \$30 million



GEAR UP Schools

- GEAR UP is a cohort model which followed the classes of 2017 and 2018 from middle school to high school
- Middle Schools
 - Audubon, Bay View, Lincoln, Longfellow, Morse-Marshall, Northwest, Roosevelt
- High Schools
 - Audubon, Bay View, Bradley Tech, Hamilton, Madison, Marshall, MHSA, and Vincent



GEAR UP College Partners



Parental Engagement



- Nearly 1,000 parents have graduated from the Milwaukee Parent Institute (MPI) provided by GEAR UP since the 2014-15 school year
 - MPI is now used across the district through the M³ partnership between MPS, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) and Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)

Pre-College Programs

- Increased student access to pre-college programs
 - Students earn 0.5 elective credit



Successes



- Offered summer credit recovery for 9th & 10th graders. Increased the number of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Provided interactive college tours and visits at more than 20 unique colleges both locally and out-of-state, serving more than 12,000 participants
- More than doubled the number of UW-Madison PEOPLE (Pre-College Enrichment Opportunity Program for Learning Excellence) scholars at GEAR UP schools
- Partnered with Cambridge Testing Services to provide ACT prep for students at all GEAR UP schools

Student Successes

- Marquette Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) accepted 34 students and 17 are attending this Marquette this fall
- Over \$11.6 million in scholarship offers were earned by the first graduating cohort
- Nearly \$2 million in scholarships were offered by partners to over 150 GEAR UP students



Next Steps

- Black Male Summit(s)
- MKE Film Festival
- Marquette EOP
- MATC Driving Dreams
- College Tours
- Applied for a New GEAR UP Grant
- Increase number of students going to college for the class of 2018



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