EDUCATION OPENS DOORS’ PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Need

NATIONALLY, 95% OF MIDDLE SCHOOL AT-RISK STUDENTS ASPIRE TO ATTEND COLLEGE. YET, ONLY 8% ATTAIN A BACHELOR’S DEGREE.

LOCALLY, DALLAS COUNTY HAS AN 86% GRADUATION RATE, BUT ONLY 13% OF GRADUATES ARE DEEMED “COLLEGE READY”.

Student college readiness can be identified in 3 distinct, yet overlapping areas: Academic Preparedness, Academic Tenacity, and College Knowledge (source: Annenberg Institute for School Reform). Our schools and educators work hard to address the needs of Academic Preparedness and Tenacity, but College Knowledge tends to go untaught.

“If educators are to use college and career readiness as a strategy for accomplishing the goal of postsecondary education access and success, they must couple academic preparedness with the knowledge and skills students need to navigate the college-going process.” — The Future of Children

Our Solution

We prepare our students for postsecondary success by providing them with information that is not typically taught in formal academic settings. The Roadmap to Success program is a comprehensive college and career program that raises self-expectations, increases confidence and builds skills in students who lack access to this critical information. As a result of our program, students demonstrate increased motivation, pathway and agency toward their goals and dreams.
Creating a College-Going Culture

Since its inception, the Roadmap to Success Program has impacted over 33,000 students

**Our 2017-’18 Program Results**

Students enrolled in the Roadmap to Success Program averaged a

**49% GROWTH IN COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE.**

By the end of our program, **77% OF STUDENTS** reported

“There are options available to help me pay for college.”

Awareness of financial aid options and college costs are closely linked to college enrollment.

97% of Roadmap to Success program teachers, given the opportunity, would want to teach the program again.

We piloted a low-touch remote program model with two school networks, reaching

**NEARLY 2,000 STUDENTS.**

Every student deserves access to the knowledge needed to fulfill their limitless potential. With your support, more students will gain access to the Roadmap to Success program.

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Through Roadmap to Success, I learned that only a small percentage of students ever graduate college. The program has motivated me to push harder to achieve my goal of getting a college degree.

—7th grade student