

COLLEGE SUCCESS FOUNDATION

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



HERO
Program

Who We Are



The College Success Foundation (CSF) has over 10 years of proven experience, inspiring low-income, students to finish high school and providing the unique integrated system of supports and scholarships they need to graduate college and succeed in life.

WHAT WE LIVE BY



- TAKE CARE OF OUR STUDENTS
- TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER
- RESPECT OUR BENEFACTORS



What is HERO



THE HIGHER EDUCATION READINESS OPPORTUNITY (HERO) PROGRAM OPERATES IN 10 SCHOOLS IN WARDS 7 AND 8. HERO ADVISORS WORK WITH YOUNG MEN IN THE 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES WHO HAVE THE DESIRE TO GO TO COLLEGE AND THE WILLINGNESS TO WORK HARD, BUT MAY NOT BE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES SUPPORT DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO HELP THEM BUILD THEIR ACADEMIC AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES.

How is the HERO Program Structured



HERO ADVISORS

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOLS

Who Are Our Students?



- Mostly first-generation to college students
- 95% qualify for free or reduced lunch
- 97% African-American
- GPA Range 0.85 to 4.0
- Many live in a single parent households or with someone other than a biological parent
- Many are not enrolled in a rigorous curriculum
- Many are significantly underprepared for college level work



Student Supports

HERO provides the following supports and services:

- Academic Advising
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Curriculum
- Leadership and Social Skills Development
- Team Building
- Career Exploration
- Motivational Speakers
- College Awareness
- College Visitation Programs
- Test Preparation and Information
- Academic Enrichment
- Summer Leadership Academy



HERO Student Grade Level Progression

8th grade to 9th grade:

83% moved to their feeder high school; 100% matriculated to 9th grade (17% transferred out and their status is unknown)

9th grade to 10th grade:

89% returned to their high school; 100% of those who remained matriculated to the 10th grade. (11% transferred out)

10th grade to 11th grade:

93% returned to their high school; 100% of those who remained matriculated to the 11th grade.

NOTE: This is our largest cohort of HERO 11th graders in the history of the program.

(7% transferred out)

Anacostia, Woodson and TMA all had 100% retention and promotion of HERO 10th graders to 11th grade.



Members of the HERO program
sport their new HERO jackets!

HERO Student Grade Level Progression

11th to 12th grade:

100% of the HERO students who became Achievers matriculated into the 12th grade.

12th grade graduation:

96% of HERO Students who became Achievers graduated with their class in June 2011.

College Enrollment:

To date, nearly 90% of the HERO Students who became Achievers (Class of 2011) have enrolled in college for Fall 2011.



What is our SUCCESS?



95% High School Graduation rate for HERO Students



- Increased high school and college readiness, awareness and preparedness.
- Increase in black men graduating from high school and college.
- 60% receive the Achievers Scholarship.
- Summer Program Component.

Enrichment Activities and Opportunities



The Fun and exciting Stuff!!!

- CAYA (Central America Youth Ambassadors) Program
- U Scholars
- HERO Summer Leadership Academy



HERO Summer Leadership Academy



**YEAR 1 – 6 WEEK CLASSROOM
EXPERIENCE AT GALLAUDET
UNIVERSITY**

**YEAR 2 AND 3 – 5 WEEK HANDS ON
AND TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES AT
GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY AND 1
WEEK IN NORTH CAROLINA**

**YEAR 4 – 5 WEEK EXPERIENTIAL
LEARNING PROGRAM AT GALLAUDET
UNIVERSITY AND 1 WEEK IN NEW
ENGLAND**

HERO Summer Leadership Academy



Week 1 - Engineering

Students will learn about general principles of engineering including hearing from current experts in the field.

Participants will also engage in several engineering activities including building bridges & roller coasters and engaging in an “egg drop”.

The week will conclude with a visit to the University of Virginia and their School of Engineering.



Week 2 – Health and Medicine



Students will learn about careers in health & medicine while also learning about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Students will participate in interactive workshops as well as view contemporary films and videos on those topics as well.

The capstone event for this week will be a visit to the INOVA-Fairfax Cardiac Dome to view live open-heart surgery

Week 3 - Space and Flight



This week will give students the opportunity to explore mankind's journey from the earth to the sky and stars through hands-on activities including rocket & balloon building. Students will hear from an official from NASA and also visiting the Air and Space Museum.

Week 4 – Physical Science



Students will explore the world around them through a wide range of scientific disciplines including biology, chemistry, ecology and physics. Students will create and experiment with substances ranging from “ooblek” to homemade ice cream.

The week will conclude with a visit to Blandy Experimental Farm in Northern Virginia.

Week 5 – Computer Science



Students will learn about computers and the systems they run during this week.

Participants will create their own web pages and web videos while also learning about cyberbullying and proper etiquette for social networking.

Students may also have the opportunity for a unique visit this week with a surprise speaker!



Week 6 – Oceanography and Marine Science



This week will take all the students to the North Carolina coast for a 5 day, 4 night experience.

Students will visit UNC-Chapel Hill's Marine Science Program as well as visit the campus of the University of North Carolina – Wilmington.

Students will also visit the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, as well as the Cape Fear Serpentarium.

Participants will also have two great oceanographic experiences including a 10 hour Gulf Stream excursion and a half-day dolphin and dune adventure.

ACTIVITY TIME!!!!!!!!!!

- **ACTIVITY 1**

Bridge Building

- **ACTIVITY 2**

Egg Drop

- **Activity 3**

The Geodesic Dome

- **Activity 4**

**Balloon Blast
off/Propulsion**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
AND ATTENTION**



QUESTIONS