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ABOUT YMCA ACHIEVERS

The **YMCA Achievers Program** is proud to be part of the YMCA of Greater Boston, the largest provider of social services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Focused on social responsibility and creating a "college bound culture," the former Black Achievers Program changed its name in 2010 to reach a wider, more diverse audience of teens and professionals nationwide.

Thanks to strong relationships with high schools and colleges, community youth programs, and resource organizations, Achievers programs are offered at very little or no charge to families thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors.



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WHAT IS Y ACHIEVERS?

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

To help first generation and low income students that have the aspiration of going to college set and pursue high educational and career goals resulting in acceptance and graduation from an institution of higher learning.

PROGRAM VISION:

Recognized as the premier college and career readiness program under the guidance of dedicated volunteer leaders.

WHO THE PROGRAM SERVES:

Young people grades 9 to 12 that are low income, first generation students that have the aspirations of completing college.

HOW WE SERVE THEM:

Youth Achievers meet two Saturdays out of the month to participate in regular project based learning projects, according to their career field of interest, conducted by volunteers from local business and industries.

Achievers receive hands-on experience in dealing with the career of their interest, while continuing to take part in activities that solidify their leadership, communication, and social skills.

WHY BECOME A YOUTH ACHIEVER?

Benefits of participating in the Youth Achievers program include:

- Free membership to the YMCA
- Access to college scholarships
- Relationship building and networking opportunities
- Connection to service learning projects
- Summer Employment

SAMPLE CAREER CLUSTER:



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Students receive hands-on experience in college and career exploration while simultaneously developing leadership skills. Students are mentored by highly accomplished multi-faceted professionals through bi-weekly career clusters.

Key Program Components:

LIFE SKILLS: Workshops that teach leadership, communication, collaboration, and organizing skills.

CARING ADULT RELATIONSHIPS: Mentoring and networking opportunities.

IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT: Through workshops, mentoring, and networking, we build the participants' confidence to feel bright and brilliant.

ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS: We provide ACT/SAT prep classes and tutoring.

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE: Participants get support to understand the college process, how to choose a school that is the right fit for them, meet the admission requirements and find financial assistance. A staple of the program is to offer career clusters.

« SEE A SAMPLE CLUSTER TO THE LEFT.