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Partners: University of Massachusetts Boston, Jeremiah E. Burke High School, Boston Green Academy, Dorchester Academy, Excel High School and Tech Boston Academy

Summary/Abstract

Mission Statement

Initiated in 1989, the Admission Guaranteed Program at the University of Massachusetts Boston guarantees admission to the university for students enrolled at partner high schools. Through AGP, students who take courses in the required subject areas and meet specific program criteria are assured admission to the university in the College of Liberal Arts or the College of Science and Mathematics.

Primary focus areas: College readiness through in-school and after-school tutoring, college and financial aid counseling, college fairs and campus visits, individual and group counseling, help completing college applications and financial aid forms.

Approaches and Methods

AGP is a school-year program that works with over 600 students at partner schools to provide support and assistance during and after school. This includes workshops and individual counseling around academic preparation and college access, classroom and after-school tutoring, college fairs or campus visits.

Goals and Objectives

- Help students and their parents develop clear educational objectives and the steps necessary to achieve them
- Provide incentives for students to achieve at a higher level
- Increase students' awareness of opportunities for post-secondary education
- Increase students' preparedness for higher education
- Provide support for partnering schools' efforts to help students apply for admission to UMass Boston and seek financial aid
- Increase the number of graduates from partner schools who go on to enroll at UMass Boston or other institutions of higher education
- Strengthen the association between the university and its partner schools

Results/Impacts

AGP has served over 3,000 students at its partner schools and has assisted many graduates to realize their dreams of going to college. In School Year 2010-2011, 100 seniors completed the program, and 20 of these students enrolled at UMass Boston. Over the years, AGP graduates have enrolled at Brandeis University, Bridgewater State University, Bunker Hill Community College, Suffolk University, UMass Amherst, UMass Dartmouth, and Williams College among other institutions.

References and Resources

To enhance the program and services provided, AGP collaborates with other UMass Boston pre-collegiate programs and with various departments at the university.

Additional Partnerships, Information and/or Contacts

AGP is funded by UMass Boston. To learn more about the Admission Guaranteed Program, contact the AGP Office at UMass Boston by sending an email to agp@umb.edu or calling 617.287.5868.