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Harbor Point Outreach Partnership

Walter Denney Youth Center
Partnership leads and affiliations

Summary/Abstract

The Harbor Point Outreach Partnership is a community-university tutoring and afterschool youth enrichment program based on the work of students in service-learning classes, volunteers and work study students from UMASS Boston and the Community.

We are part of the UMASS Boston-Harbor Point Apartment Community Memorandum of Agreement. Our primary partner is the Walter Denney Youth Center and most activities take place at this location. We also partner with the Dever-McCormack School.

Goals and Objectives

- Improve academic success
- Positive attitude changes towards school
- Promote pipeline to higher education through multiple programs and approaches
- Provide tutoring and mentoring, and positive youth development programs to local youth



Results/Impacts

We have expanded the capacity of our HPOP program in the following ways:

- We have formalized our partnerships with the Dever-McCormack and Denney
- Tutoring and after-school programs have expanded to 5 days a week, 12 hours a day.
- Tutoring, homework help, Multi-Cultural cooking, Philosophy club, reading groups, teacher and parent outreach.
- 114 youth have been tutored and/or engaged in youth enrichment classes every year.
- 100 service-learning students, volunteer students, and work study students have been involved as tutors and mentors for the HPOP program each year.
- 7-10 service –learning classes and faculty have participated
- HPOP was the recipient of The Presidents Honor Roll for Service-learning 2009-2010

Approaches and Methods

- 1:1 tutoring
- Youth development groups
- Service-learning classes
- Outreach team for faculty and staff
- Community Action Team
- UMB students engaged in service-learning classes

Conclusion/Next Steps

To continue to build service-learning classes, increase student graduation rates retention, and support the pipeline to higher education



References and Resources

- HPOP Tutoring manual
- HPOP Brochure

Additional Partnerships, Interests, Information and/or Contacts

- Dever-McCormack School
- Walter Denney Youth Center