Future U: Reaching Middle School Students and their Families

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MISSION

The CEO seeks to encourage academic excellence for all K-12 schoolchildren in the state of Michigan. We focus on continuing U-M’s commitment to educational outreach and to promoting collaboration between schools, organizations, and the community.
“When I got to middle school everything changed... my friends... more teachers... and more responsibility.”

“My mom said when I start middle school it was time to grow up and be a big girl.”

“Sometimes I feel like I’m lost when I’m walking through the halls.”

“Middle School is a whole new world.”

Source: Association for Middle School Education 2010 Middle School Journal

• Positive self-concept
• Realistic self-appraisal
• Successfully handling the system
• Preference for long-term goals
• Availability of a strong support person
• Leadership experience
• Community involvement
• Knowledge acquired in the field
Self-Efficacy

Self-efficacy beliefs are individual’s beliefs “about their capabilities to exercise control over events that affect their lives” (Bandura, 1989, p. 1175).

“People’s self-efficacy determine their level of motivation, as reflected in how much effort they will exert in an endeavor and how long they will persevere in the face of obstacles. The stronger the belief in their capabilities, the greater and more persistent are their efforts” (Bandura, 1989, p.1176).
Mission

Future U’s mission is to create a college going culture among middle school students by encouraging college preparation, access and enrollment.

Goal/ Focus

We focus on increasing knowledge and awareness through career exploration and academic preparation that is needed for postsecondary access and success.
Recruitment

• 6th - 8th grade students from across the state of Michigan

• Diverse populations

• Underserved/Underrepresented Communities

• 25 students per school/75 students per cohort

• Possessing academic promise or other special talents
Empowerment through the development non-cognitive factors

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