K-12 Initiative

University of Kansas School of Medicine, Office of Diversity & Inclusion in partnership with Kansas City Kansas Public School District 500 and the Kansas City Kansas Community College serving Kansas City students.
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To increase the number of under-represented (URM) students pursuing health and STEM pathways.
Pathway

All K-12 Initiative programs provide two core areas to address the developmental needs of students.

- **Self-Agency**
  - Poetry
  - Technology
  - Teambuilders
  - Self-Care

- **Academics**
  - Risk Factors
  - Physiology
  - Data Science
  - Bioethics
Pathway Programs

Year round programming provides continual exposure and development of STEM and health.
Virtual Programming

All K-12 programming transitioned to virtual learning Summer 2020 and for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 academic school years to keep students, families, and the team safe. This would not have been possible without the support of teachers, programming staff, and community for coming together to transition to new virtual learning models.
The mentorship program is a core competency of K-12 Initiative programming. It uses a 3-layered mentoring structure which provides a supportive environment to facilitate mentorship and active learning throughout all programming.
Alumni are currently working as STEM and health professionals in medicine, public health, engineers, teachers, researchers, nurses, computer scientists, professors, and hold community leadership positions.
Outcomes

99%
High school graduation rate of current HS program seniors.

91%
Program seniors were accepted and will enter college in the upcoming school year.

82%
High school seniors pursue STEM or health majors.

2x
Program graduates experience greater chance of returning to college for their second year compared to district graduates.
Legislative Actions

- Multi-sector Investments
- Earlier Workforce Development Initiatives
- Evaluation of Success
- Long Term vs Short Term
- Systems Thinking and Change
- State/Community Specific
- Sustainability
- Branding and Outreach
- Involvement
- Other
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