



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA of Greater Cleveland

Y-ACHIEVERS PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE

The central purpose of the Y-Achievers Program is to improve postsecondary opportunities for youth in underserved populations.

METHODOLOGY

- Provide youth with academic and social support.
- Promote and address the need for academic rigor in Y-Achievers while also addressing the need for building social, developmental, and financial support to meet the increased academic demands placed on them.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

- Improved postsecondary outcomes for Y-Achiever participants (many of whom are from underserved populations).

- Youth begin to use social supports and become more receptive and proactive in college-going culture provided by the Y-Achievers program.

Students will:

- a. Build networks.
- b. Increase involvement in YMCA programs and the 40 Developmental Assets, which are correlated to a reduction in high-risk behaviors, and are designed to help students have a higher likelihood of overall success.

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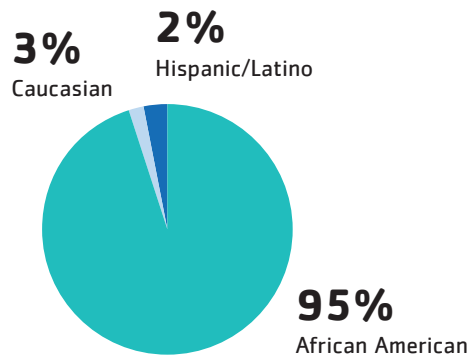
- c. Become more self-motivated and willing to take advantage of academic strategies that are made available to them such as tutoring, mentor/mentee events, lectures, and workshops.
- d. Foster an improved level of self-confidence.

OUTCOME

- 186 Youth Participated in Y-Achievers during the 2010-2011 academic year.
- 88% of the participants had better than 75% attendance.
- 100 percent of seniors in the Y-Achievers program graduated from high school.
- 75% of Y-Achievers graduates are now enrolled in college.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- 100% of the participants were from Cuyahoga County



HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESS STORIES

A senior at Verizon Science Academy, **Simone R.** participated in Youth in Government. Her team conducted a mock Supreme Court session, carrying on what has become a Downtown YMCA Youth in Government tradition. She will attend the University of Akron. Her Y experience has allowed her to consider a career in politics; she is also interested in law.

Ariez S. came to the Y-Achievers program wearing a tough exterior. People in her school saw her as a fighter and a trouble-maker. Her involvement in the L.I.F.E. program (Living in Female Empowerment) has helped her to find an inner confidence. In the organized Y-Achievers

PARTICIPATION DATA

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setting, Ariez was known as a leader and a peace-keeper. Because of her hard work in school and her motivation, she was elected as Y-Achievers' Vice President.

Logan C. is from the Glenville neighborhood of Cleveland. He is a scholar, an athlete, and a good citizen. He spent the spring months seeing places that would hire a young person with little professional experience. He works hard to maintain strengthened ties with business owners in his community and actively takes part in community service projects.

Malcolm M. is 17. Staff members are proud to describe him as a reflection of the four core values of the YMCA of Greater Cleveland: caring, respect, honesty and responsibility. He will attend the Garrett Morgan School of Science for his senior year. He has applied to one local college, but plans to broaden his college search. Through the YMCA of Greater Cleveland he found assistance in building the skills he needs to complete the college application process and find regular employment.

ACTIVITY OF Y-ACHIEVERS GRADUATES

