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Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced academics, social skills, and relationships,
- greater self-awareness,
- preparation for college and/ or career success.

Partners

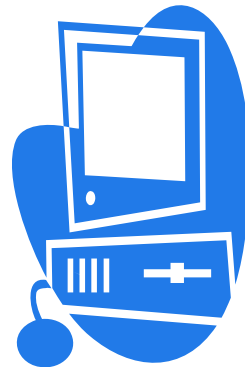
Children's Tutoring Center

Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church

Norfolk Public Schools

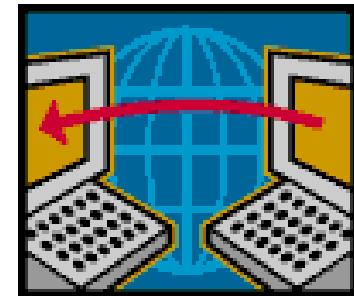
Norfolk Juvenile Court System

NSU Office of Information Technology and School of Social Work



In 2005 careers in technology ranked number two and the average starting salary was \$43,000.

Techno-Scholars
Program



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*A love affair with knowledge will never
end in heartbreak. - Michael Garrett*

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Program Description

Norfolk State University was awarded funds from the National Association for Equal Opportunity In Higher Education (NAFEO) to implement a male mentoring program.

The Techno-Scholars Program is designed to aid targeted male students become goal-oriented and community-conscious. This intervention is provided to inspire and prepare students for college and/ or career success, thereby reducing their likelihood of incarceration.

The proposed model will employ a web-based portal that will provide mentoring, psychosocial and academic supports using personal computers and technology. This project is a collaboration of learning communities and faith-based initiative.

Mentoring

Students will meet at least five hours a week via webcam or on-site. Each student will be assigned a mentor and will interact with mentor at least two times a week. Mentors will provide tutoring, assist in life skills sessions and chaperon social and educational field trips.

Technology

Technology will be used to structure individualized development plans to raise the education and technology skills of the students. The technology delivery will rely upon broad band network, wireless, videoconferencing and extensive web-services.

The students will travel through cyberspace; meet youth from other programs and professionals via videoconferencing, learn advanced technology (e-learning, multimedia production); visit technology companies; attend conferences, and explore careers in technology. Students will receive a laptop computer with internet access to complete technology assignments.

Psychosocial

The program will provide the students opportunities to engage in community service, enhance spiritual and cultural awareness, increase interpersonal skills, learn civic responsibility and experience atypical recreational activities.

Academics

Students will receive assistance with homework, quizzing for routine and Standards of Learning testing and support with special assignments.

Eligibility

- Norfolk Resident
- Enrolled in School
- Between ages of 12 and 15
- Male
- Demonstrated interest in Technology
- Drug Free

Students are required to take the test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) Test, to determine reading level; pass a basic technology assessment and participate in random drug screening. Parents are required to participate in select workshops.

How to Apply

To be considered for the program students must submit an application, two letters of recommendation with address and a telephone number of the person recommending them for the program and a copy of their most recent report card to:

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