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Student Exposure to and Awareness of Postsecondary Pathways/Collaborations

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Who We Are



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- Peer Power Foundation
- CORE Program

What We Do: Our Programs



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- Programs
 - SIT Program
 - ACT University
 - GRIT Lab
- Events
 - Spring Break Camp
 - UM Connect Day

High School Student Intern Tutor Program



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- Partnership between Peer Power and MSCS-employ high achieving Juniors and Seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA.
- Train high school students to tutor/mentor elementary and middle school students after school.
- Provide additional services:
 - Free ACT prep
 - College Readiness
 - Soft Skills
 - Access to all Peer Power programming/events

Design Challenge: SIT Case Study



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- At peak for 2022-2023, we employed 200 SITs who tutored in 45 after school programs
- Our questions:
 - Does employing high achieving high school students as supportive adults in schools for K-8 students work to improve social-emotional and academic outcomes?
 - Does the experience of tutoring during high school increase interest in teaching as a profession and create a talent pipeline?

Design Challenge: SIT Findings



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- So far we have 69 respondents out of 171 Student Intern Tutors who completed the year
- We are waiting for test results for academic data.
- We have received tutored student survey responses from 5 schools (55 students)
- Tutors reported a 22% increase in interest in teaching as a future profession
- K-8 Student enjoyment of tutoring reported as 4.58 out of 5
- 22% increase in K-8 students' reported enjoyment of school after beginning tutoring

ACT Prep University and Grit Lab



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- ACT University

- Partnership with MSCS- provide free ACT Prep sessions for all area high school students and we had 180 participants .
- Combination of in-school sessions, after-school sessions, and Saturday sessions.
- Students who attend at least 4 out of 6 sessions saw a 2-4 point increase in test scores!
- Higher scores = more money and more opportunities

- GRIT Lab

- Partnership with the National Equity Lab to provide free college course through the University of Pennsylvania.
- Students who complete 12-week course with a 70% (c) or higher received college credit and transcript from U of Penn.

UM Connect and Spring Break Camp



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University of Memphis Connect Day

- Partnership with the University of Memphis in which we provide an official campus day visit for seniors and juniors.
- Students are able to meet with admissions counselors, attend campus tours, meet with student organization leaders, and speak with someone about their financial aid package.
- We had 161 students attend and one student received a scholarship to attend the U of M this year!

Spring Break Camps

- Spring Break Camp Attendance: 60 - 80 students per day
- Week long enrichment camp for high school students during spring break.
- Students had the opportunity to receive ACT prep, financial literacy sessions, college 101 sessions, networking workshop, college student panel, and career panel.

Collaboration: Utilizing Your Network



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- University of Memphis
- Memphis-Shelby County Schools
- National Equity Lab
- Personal Network

What Now: Utilizing Your Network



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- Think through the partnerships you currently have and how you have utilized them.
 - What are some things that are working well within these partnerships?
 - What are some areas of growth within these partnerships?
- Think about potential partners and how you can utilize them.
 - What are some ways in which you can connect with potential partners?
 - Identify areas within your program/organization that would benefit from collaborating with another group.
 - What has worked out the best for your organization?

THANK YOU!!!



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