

College Reach-Out Program

Twenty-two years of striving
for equity and access

In the Beginning

- ✦ ...CROP was established by the Florida Legislature in 1983
 - To strengthen the motivation and preparation of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students in grades 6-12 “who otherwise would be unlikely to seek admission to a community college, state university, or independent postsecondary institution without special support and recruitment efforts.” (Section 1007.34 (1), Florida Statutes)

Programs and Services

- ✦ After school tutoring/mentoring
- ✦ Cultural and educational enrichment outings
- ✦ Summer residency programs on community college/university campuses

Important Elements

- ✦ Hands-on involvement of CROP staff is key to student development
- ✦ Parental involvement is crucial for program success
- ✦ The summer residential components enhance CROP year-round programs
- ✦ Many CROP projects offer scholarships to their students as part of the required cash match.

Recently

- ✦ Raised expectations for student outcomes
- ✦ Emphasis on participation in 10th grade pre-college testing, Honors, Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement courses
- ✦ Enhanced partnerships with the College Board and the Florida Virtual School
- ✦ Increased access to information on grant opportunities, conference information, and other professional development opportunities

Highlights

- ✦ Since 1990, CROP has served 43,844 students
- ✦ In 2004-05 programs spanned 38 postsecondary institutions serving 448 schools across 53 counties
- ✦ 13 of the 45 CROP Directors have served for 10 or more years

Highlights

✦ 1998-2003

- 82% of CROP students were academically promoted to the next grade compared to 69% of a random sample of similar students
- Average GPA for CROP high school students was 2.34 versus 2.05 for the random sample of students
- The absenteeism rate for CROP students was 9.9 days compared to 11.7 days per year for a random sample of students

Congratulations

- ❖ **Kismet Rideau**, former CROP student, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Education Curriculum Instruction (UWF) is now also a CROP Project Director at UWF
- ❖ **Manatee CC Holds CROP Awards Ceremony 05**
 - 90% of the 04 high school seniors went on to college
- ❖ **Santa Fe CC's CROP Senior of the Year**
 - Lashay Clayton GPA of 4.10 during her high school career.

New Directions

- ✦ Increased marketing/publicity regarding program services and student outcomes
- ✦ Professional development for CROP Directors
- ✦ Participation in the Florida College Access Network
- ✦ Even more aggressive efforts to reach out to young males

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