

# 4-H Youth Futures College Within Reach

## Program Goal

Help underserved youth go to college and graduate from college







# Background

- College Readiness and Access Program
- Started in 2002
- Youth Age 12-22
- Partnership: University of Missouri Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development and Lincoln University
- Program includes:
  - Local Mentoring
  - College Visits
  - On Campus Conferences
  - Assessment



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8MA3S11yel&feature=player\_embedded

#### Outcomes

 49 participants graduated from high school in 2013 and 37 (76%) enrolled in higher education institutions

 489 youth have participated in the program since 2002

 College retention/graduation rate is 65% (n=222)



## Here's What Participants Say

- College is for your life, no matter what you can make your dream come true, learn to be positive.
- Never give up, don't let people bring you down, be more confident.
- Go to school, do your best, don't believe the hype.
- Keep a close eye on my money, be a legacy, and never give up on dreams.



### Latino Youth Futures

#### Partnerships:

- Latinos of Tomorrow Kansas City
- Latinos Youth Futures Columbia



#### **Educational Activities**

Mentoring

Family



