SAY YES BUFFALO PARTNERS LAUNCH
BUFFALO COLLEGE SUCCESS NETWORK

EIFFORTS TO INCREASE COLLEGE COMPLETION RATES FOR BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES TO EXPAND

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation believes that every student in the United States should have access to quality educational opportunities, from preschool to postsecondary completion, that enable them to thrive as adults. The foundation seeks to define exemplary P – 16 work and identify how the foundation can best impact the P – 16 field.

5 COMMUNITIES / 2 YEARS

These five communities will implement strategies aimed at improving the educational outcomes across the Pre-K to postsecondary continuum.

WHAT IS P-16?
P-16 is a term used to describe the goal of creating a public education continuum from “P” which is pre-K, through “16” which is a degree beyond grade 12 of high school, up to and including a certificate, associates and bachelor degrees.

The BUFFALO COLLEGE SUCCESS Network
Will be responsible for implementing and evaluating the strategies presented to the foundation over the two-years of the investment.

COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM:
- SAY YES BUFFALO
- BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE
- MEDAILLE COLLEGE
- SUNY ERIE
- THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
- VILLA MARIA COLLEGE

GOALS

1. Increase postsecondary persistence
2. Increase postsecondary enrollment of Buffalo Public School students
3. Create a data system allowing for collaboration between the public school district and institutions of higher education

STRATEGIES to achieve priority outcomes

1. NEAR-PEER MENTORS
   Embed recent high school graduates who have successfully transitioned to college in public high schools, to mentor their peers on their path to postsecondary success

2. COLLEGE TRANSITION CURRICULUM in public high schools

3. 11 NEW COLLEGE SUCCESS COUNSELORS
   Hire 11 new counselors to work one-on-one with students to remove any barriers to their academic success on the campuses of Buffalo State College, Medaille College, SUNY Erie and Villa Maria College

4. ON-CAMPUS MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS
   Establish on-campus mental health clinics to support students dealing with social, emotional or traumatic challenges that could negatively impact their ability to complete a postsecondary degree

BUFFALO TO RECEIVE $2.9M
To launch the Buffalo College Success Network