Say Yes Buffalo
Providing Educational Attainment and Economic Mobility for Buffalo’s Students and Families

**Annually**

- **27 Points**
  - High School Graduation Rate
  - 2012: 49%
  - 2020: 76%
- **23% Increase**
  - Matriculation Rate
  - 2012: 899 Students
  - 2019: 1,109 Students
- **18% Increase**
  - Postsecondary Completion Rate
  - 2012: 401 Students
  - 2014: 471 Students

**Impact in Context**

- Matriculation Persistence Completion
  - 3% 33% .3%
  - 11% 5% 1%
  - 23% 23% 18%

**Matriculation Context:** High poverty districts 54%, districts with majority students of color 58%, urban districts 62%, districts with majority white students 69%, Buffalo 62%

**Completion Context:** High poverty districts 23%, urban districts 31%, districts with majority white students 50%, Buffalo 31%

**Long-Term**

- **1% Increase**
  - Every 1% increase in the number of Buffalo adults with bachelor’s degrees
  - $198M annually to local economy

- **165,000**
  - Buffalo employers project 165,000 open jobs in the next 10 years

- **64%**
  - 64% will require a post-secondary credential of some kind

- **$198 Million**
  - Government savings and quality of life improvements for all residents

- **College Scholarships for all Buffalo public and charter school graduates, forever**

**Meet a Say Yes Buffalo Scholar Graduate**

Hutch-Tech High School graduate Sydney Favors has come full circle in Buffalo Public Schools from student to social studies teacher.

“Sydney knows firsthand what the promise of Say Yes means to her students. “If you want to reach that next level, you need to go to school, you need to elevate your life,” she says.

“Say Yes provided me with that platform to reach the next level in my life after college and thinking about what I wanted to do being involved with Say Yes, it made me want to be more deeply involved in education. It’s opened many doors and established connections for me, which I greatly appreciate.

“I think people need to recognize that Say Yes is doing a lot for the students that live here in Buffalo. It has improved the lives of so many of my classmates I went to high school with. Say Yes has helped create engineers, some of my classmates are doctors now, physician’s assistants; students that wouldn’t otherwise have had the opportunity to go to college without a program like this.”

**Goal**

Develop Buffalo’s future workforce and strengthen the Western New York community and economy

**Programmatic Supports**

- School-Based Social Services
- Early Childhood Development Program
- Community Schools and Parent Centers
- Mental and Primary Health Care
- Legal Clinics
- Health Home Care Coordination
- Early Childhood

- Buffalo College Success Network
- Internship and Career Pathways Program
- Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Scholar Mentoring Program
- Scholar Ambassador Program
- Boys and Men of Color Program
- Summer Camps/Extended Learning Time

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