



Latino & Latin American Space for Enrichment and Research (LASER) Mentoring Program

Purpose

The Ohio State LASER High School Mentoring Program prepares Latino students in Columbus-area high schools for successful admission to Ohio State and elsewhere.

Undergraduate student mentors meet weekly with high school mentees for academic coaching and college planning. Workshops and events integrate Latino students and their families into a network of professionals and information resources to help students successfully navigate college admission and financial aid.

Impact

Beginning with two mentors and three mentees in Spring 2012, LASER currently supports 80 mentoring pairs, including students from 24 area high schools.

LASER is expanding the number of Ohio Latino applicants to Ohio State and other area colleges and universities, and raising awareness of Latino talent pools among Ohio State personnel.

“[My mentor] reviewed numerous essays I wrote for college applications ... suggested scholarships, helped in raising my ACT score from a 26 to a 30, aided in my successful admission.” --MSP Distinction Scholar

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Community Partners Involved

Centennial High School
Central Crossing High School
Columbus Downtown High School
Columbus International High School
Columbus State Community College
Dublin Jerome High School
Dublin Coffman High School
Dublin Scioto High School
Hamilton Township High School
Hayes High School
Hilliard Davidson High School
Orange High School
Pickerington High School North
South-Western Career Academy
The Charles School at
Ohio Dominican University
Thomas Worthington High School
Walnut Ridge High School
Westerville South High School
Westland High School
Whitehall-Yearling High School

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