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May 22, 2013, 8:01 a.m. EDT

# Thirty Four Student-Centered Programs Awarded Great Lakes College Ready Grants

## More Than \$4 Million Committed to Help Students Arrive at College Prepared to Succeed





MADISON, WI, May 22, 2013 (Marketwired via COMTEX) - When students from traditionally underserved backgrounds get specialized academic help on their path to college, studies show they are more likely to succeed once they get there. To support programs that provide this help, Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation today awarded more than \$4 million in


College Ready grants. These 34 recipient programs will provide services to students across Minnesota and Wisconsin during the 2013-2014 academic year.


"College Ready grants give Great Lakes the opportunity to partner with organizations actively preparing more students to enroll and succeed in college-level courses," said Richard D. George, Great Lakes' President and Chief Executive Officer. "The time, attention, tutoring, and skill-building activities that these programs provide, through


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qualified educators and trained tutors, give students expanded options for college, and increased opportunities for lifelong success."

Nearly 4,000 students, including those in grades 6 through 12 and adult learners, will be served by programs that received College Ready grants. Each program has developed strategies to prepare their students for college by helping them to improve their academic performance, as measured through grade point averages (GPAs) or ACT and SAT scores. Strategies include a mix of short-term, focused programming as well as year-round support. Regardless of the strategy employed, each program has committed to tracking the impact of their efforts on preparing students for college success.

Following is a complete list of College Ready grant partners.

Alverno College Milwaukee, Wis. Girls Advanced Academy in Science and Mathematics \$72,608

Beloit College Beloit, Wis. ACT Ready \$34,092

Boys & Girls Club of Dane County Madison, Wis. College Club

\$300,000

Boys & Girls Club of Dane County Madison, Wis. Teens of Promise (TOPS) \$225,000

Boys & Girls Club of Dane County Madison, Wis. Verona High School College Club \$120,000

Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc. Monticello, Minn. Academic Improvement Matters (AIM) \$126,644

Chippewa Valley Technical College Eau Claire, Wis. Collaboration for Achieving Postsecondary Success (CAPS) \$35,213

College of Saint Benedict St. Joseph, Minn. Upward Bound \$7,133

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College Hopes (TORCH) \$126,345

Edgewood College Madison, Wis. Committed to College \$10,310

Edgewood College Madison, Wis. LEAP 2 College \$29,984

Forward Service Corporation Madison, Wis. Upward Bound Summer College Preparation Course and Academic Year Tutoring \$137,756

Hibbing Community College Hibbing, Minn. Climb Upward Bound

\$50,000

Mid-State Technical College Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Pre-College Project \$111,076

Neighborhood House St. Paul, Minn. Adult College Readiness Classes

\$26,500

Normandale Community College Bloomington, Minn. Normandale Upward Bound \$23,175

Pathways to College, Inc. Milwaukee, Wis. Pathways Precollege

\$171,800

Regents of the University of Minnesota Minneapolis, Minn. The ACT/SAT Review Program \$21,721

Saint Paul College St. Paul, Minn. Below the Midpoint \$125,000

South Central College North Mankato, Minn. Precollege Bridge Program \$146,025

St. Norbert College De Pere, Wis. Start Right \$81,565

University of Minnesota St. Paul, Minn. Prepare2Nspire

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University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Eau Claire, Wis. Blugold Beginnings Precollege Youth Mentoring Program \$294,341

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