

2020 - 2021

PROGRESS REPORT



West Philadelphia
**PROMISE
CORPS**



Office of
Community Empowerment and Opportunity
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

The 2020-2021 school year was proof that we can persevere and conquer in times of uncertainty. As a program, we were resilient and consistent with our students, but we would not have been able to do it without the tireless support of school leaders, educators, and staff. Together, we were more powerful and supported and empowered students through the challenges and limitations presented by COVID-19, the civil unrest, the social and racial inequities nationally and at home, and other uncertainty students faced.

Although we weren't in person, our program was converted and adapted into a virtual setting. Like everyone else, we found the best methods to communicate effectively and streamline services. We made sure our teams were prepared and flexible to school needs. We established a cadence for classroom push-ins, open office hours, workshops, and events, with support from educators and school leaders. As a result, our coaches met with students in group and one-on-one settings to complete many program tasks on post-secondary readiness, academic support, and Naviance modules.

We had a mission to support all 655 students assigned to our program, and we made sure to exhaust all avenues to do just that. We facilitated and supported many events, from the FAFSA kick-off to resume and career workshops and from chess games to providing graduates with gift bags. Overall, we are grateful to have been a part of the support system for our four schools and to have connected with the students we serve. This year, we simply did our best with each and every unique situation, and our students are better for it. We aim to exceed those heights next year and hope that conditions continue to improve so we may safely connect in-person.

With gratitude,

Zoraida Cordero

Promise Corps Manager

Virtual College Tours 2020-2021



Temple University
Lincoln University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Elizabethtown College
University of Pennsylvania
Syracuse University

OVERVIEW

During the 2020-2021 school year, 20 College & Career Coaches (CCC's) were placed at four West Philadelphia high schools to implement the Promise Corps program.

CCC's served 645 students in grades 10-12. On average, Promise Corps students received 114 program hours during 1:1 support from their Coach in the areas of Academic Assistance, College and Career Advising, and Naviance Support.

Across all four sites, a total of 2,980 individual or small group sessions were held with students.

OBJECTIVE

The mission of Promise Corps is to contribute to high-quality schools by holding rigorous expectations of students, serving as college-going role models, and collaborating powerfully with teachers, parents, and the broader community.

Promise Corps CCC's offer workshops and individual advising sessions to prepare students for four major post-secondary pathways: college and vocational schools, career and internships, national service opportunities, and the military.

We have included student goals throughout this report as a glimpse into the ambitions of some of our young adults.

"I want to increase my GPA so that I will be eligible for work opportunities"

-Sayre Student

2020-2021 IMPACT

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

- **655 Students Enrolled**
 - **307 10th Graders**
 - **237 11th Graders**
 - **111 12th Graders**

On average
each student
received

**114
HOURS**

of 1:1 coaching
from College &
Career Coaches

of students that
attended College
& Career
Workshops &
Events

257

2,351

Individual College & Career
Sessions with Coaches

269

Academic
Assistance
Sessions

151

Naviance
Sessions

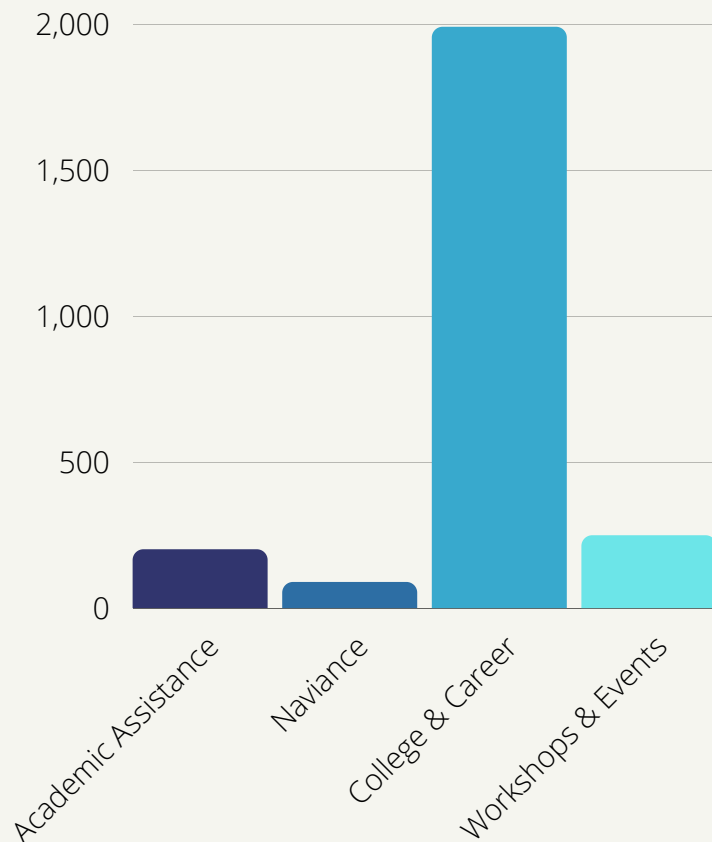
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A FOCUS ON STUDENT GOALS!

Most sessions with Coaches and students centered on
College & Career readiness



199

Students Enrolled

49 10th graders

90 11th graders

60 12th graders

2,526

Individual sessions with students

College & Career Advising

Academic Assistance

Workshop Attendance

Naviance Tasks

In total, students
spent

61,320

hours in sessions
with Coaches

"[I want to] complete and
submit two college essays and
apply to four colleges"
-School of the Future Senior

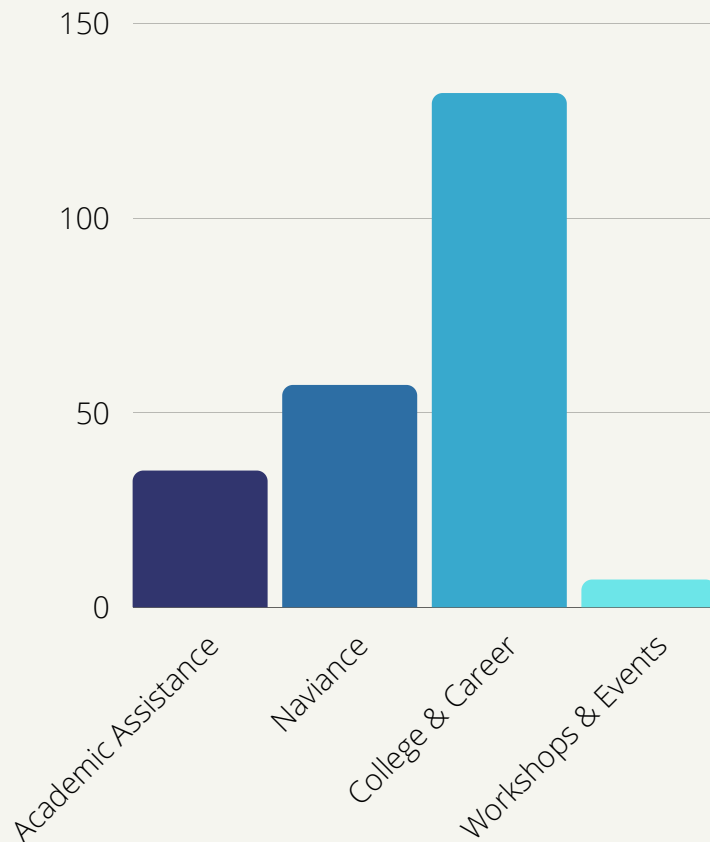
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A FOCUS ON STUDENT GOALS!

Most sessions with Coaches and students centered on
College & Career readiness



175

Students Enrolled

59 10th Graders

82 11th Graders

34 12th Graders

231

Individual sessions with students

College & Career Advising

Academic Assistance

Workshop Attendance

Naviance Tasks

In total, students
spent

6,975

hours in sessions
with Coaches

"[I want to] bring my grade up in
history by connecting with Ms. Ciggs
on missed assignments and by
attending Promise Corps office hours."
-Overbrook Junior

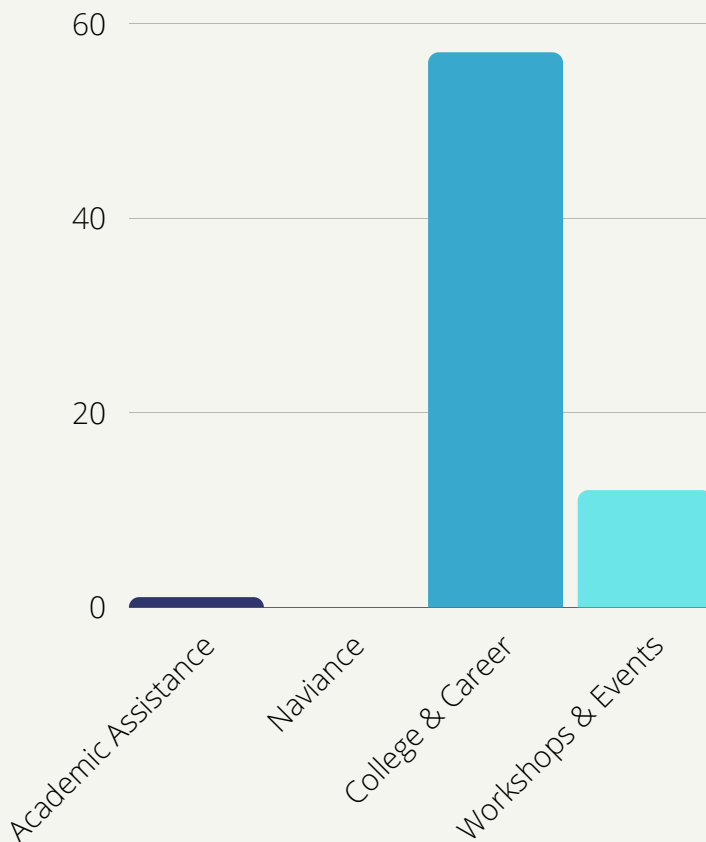
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2020 - 2021 Progress Report Sayre High School



A FOCUS ON STUDENT GOALS!

Most sessions with Coaches and students centered on
College & Career readiness



157

Students Enrolled

101 10th Graders

39 11th Graders

17 12th Graders

58

Individual sessions with students

College & Career Advising

Academic Assistance

Workshop Attendance

Naviance Tasks

In total, students
spent

1,800

hours in sessions
with Coaches

"[I want to] find one computer
science internship by the end
of the school year."
-Sayre Junior

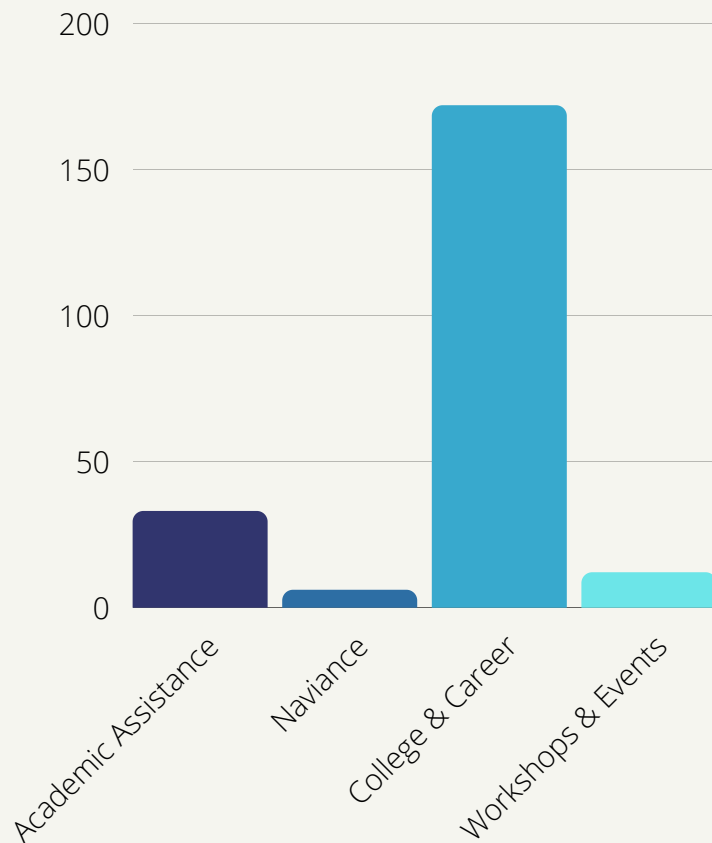
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A FOCUS ON STUDENT GOALS!

Most sessions with Coaches and students centered on
College & Career readiness



124

Students Enrolled
98 10th Graders
26 11th Graders

213

Individual sessions with students
College & Career Advising
Academic Assistance
Workshop Attendance
Naviance Tasks

In total, students
spent

3,150

hours in sessions
with Coaches

"[I want to] research 5 music
production schools."
-West Sophomore

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DEDICATED
PARTNERS THIS YEAR! WE VALUE YOUR
COLLABORATION AND COMMITMENT TO
OUR YOUTH!

*Thank
you!*



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